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Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt yesterday gave an audience to the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Hu Shih.

After the audience, Mr. Hu Shih told the press he had informed the President that the Chinese armies were taking the offensive on all fronts. "I also tried to tell the President that we are not so hard pressed as many people imagine."

"The interruption in transportation caused by the recent invasion of South China was not very important, and we are building new roads to replace the interrupted lines of communication."

"We are starting a series of offensives on many sectors and are quite confident that we may hear reports of victory soon."—Havas.

SOVIET'S NEW TANK IN ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
The "Svenska Dagbladet" reports that the Russian offensive in northern Finland is supported by numerous amphibian tanks moving in water by means of propellers.

The paper recalls that such tanks have been experimented in by Russia for several years.

The Russians even tried a device enabling planes to transport these tanks and land them ready for action behind the enemy lines.

The Finns are opposing the tanks with a new anti-tank gun of small size but immense power of penetration. However, they do not possess a sufficient number of these weapons. —Havas.

"COLUMBUS" CREW LANDED

New York, To-day.
The 579 survivors of the "Columbus" have been landed at Ellis Island by the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, which was delayed by a thick fog outside the harbour.—Reuter.

The crew of the "Columbus" are to be treated as distressed mariners and will be given the freedom of the United States for 60 days.—Reuter.

NAVAL HONOURS FOR CAPT. LANDSDORP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Buenos Aires, To-day.
The Navy Ministry has ordered military honours to be rendered by Argentine marines at the funeral of Captain Landsdorp. —Havas.

STRANGE RUMOUR

Buenos Aires, To-day.
The Argentine newspapers publish reports this morning stating that it is being persistently rumoured that Captain Landsdorp was still alive and well hours after the German announcement of his suicide.—Reuter.

AMERICA TO LODGE PROTEST

Washington, To-day.

A joint protest to Britain, France and Germany against violations of the Panama Conference neutrality zone is expected to be lodged within the next 48 hours.

Mr. Cordell Hull stated that four incidents had occurred recently and the issue was now coming to a head.

It was indicated by the State Department that the consultations between the 21 countries of the Western Hemisphere were rapidly going forward and a joint demarche may be expected soon.—Reuter.

TACIT XMAS TRUCE POSSIBLE

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF A CHRISTMAS TRUCE ON THE WESTERN FRONT IS SEMI-OFFICIALLY PROMISED BY THE GERMANS—IF THE OTHER SIDE DOES NOT ATTACK.

This was forecast by well-informed circles in Berlin yesterday, following Hitler's departure from Berlin. The Germans, say these quarters, will not embark on any land offensives during the holidays.

Neutral observers attach considerable importance to the visit of the Papal Nuncio to the Wilhelmstrasse, but whether or not it was in connection with a slackening of the prosecution of the war until the end of the year could not be ascertained.—Reuter.

DANISH STEAMER MINED AND SUNK

Oslo, To-day.

The Danish steamer "Mars" has been sunk in the North Sea by a mine. Six survivors have been landed and seven others are believed to have been lost.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East and East winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

ARMIES AT GRIPS IN A BLINDING SNOWSTORM

Helsinki, To-day.

A SERIES OF VIOLENT attacks on the Mannerheim Line, after a heavy and prolonged artillery bombardment, all collapsed after a footing had been gained temporarily at several points.

Over 100 tanks supported the attacks and the biggest array of aircraft since the invasion began bombed the Finnish positions and towns behind the lines.

The Finnish troops fought with grim determination and Russian losses were considerable. Numerous tanks were captured inside the Finnish lines and others were destroyed before reaching the main defence system.

Twenty Russian planes were brought down, 14 by Finnish fighters and six by anti-aircraft fire.

A number of civilians were killed and civilian property set on fire during intense bombing of towns behind the Mannerheim Line. Large areas were left as blazing ruins after the Red bombers had passed over.

NEW CLASS CALLED UP

The class of 1899 has been called to the colours by the Finnish Government.

Fighting in the north has been brought to a standstill by severe weather. It was 54 degrees below zero at mid-day yesterday, and blinding snowstorms are sweeping the Arctic zone.

Snowstorms are also raging on the Eastern Front, where the Russian forces endeavouring to cut Finland's 'wasp waist' have been reinforced.

Information is scanty, but one report states that two Red Army regiments ordered to storm a Finnish defence post were wiped out.

It is now officially claimed that the Russian battleship "October Revolution" was badly damaged by Finnish coastal batteries, but not sunk.—Reuter.

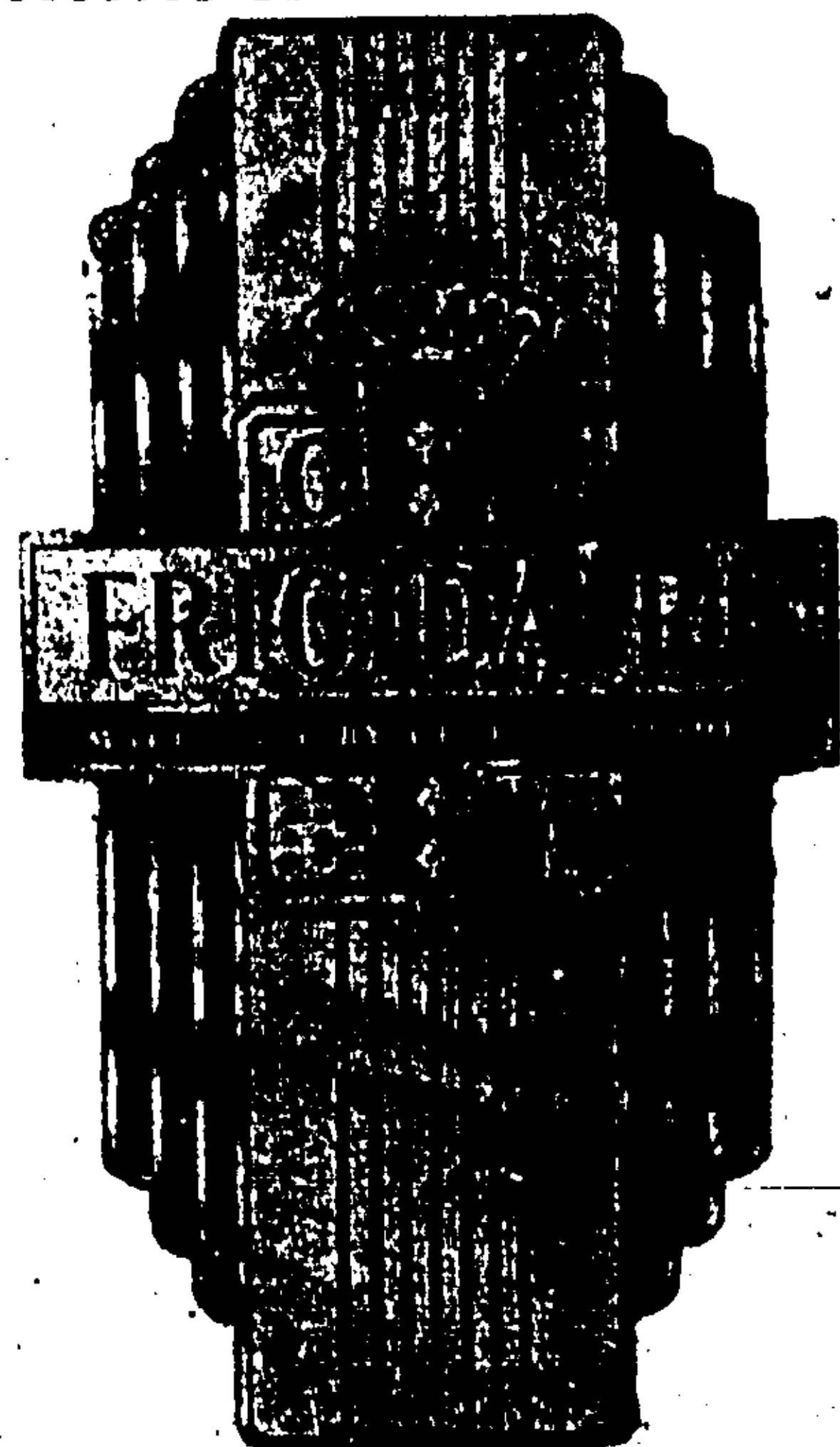
FRANCE MAY BREAK OFF RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Several members of the foreign affairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies, headed by the former Premier, M. Pierre-Etienne Flandin, are advocating the severance of diplomatic relations with the Soviet.

M. Flandin points out that such a move would have a very favourable effect upon relations with neutrals, notably Italy and Spain.—Havas.



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WHY THE BRITISH EMPIRE IS FIGHTING

London, To-day.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE, Lord Privy Seal, broadcast to the Empire at 3 p.m. yesterday, and said that if he were asked why the British Empire fought he did not answer as a Minister.

"The answer is not found in Downing Street nor in the Cabinet rooms of the Dominions.

"The motives which led the people to making the decision are those which spring from the belief that the everlasting values and principles, which we cannot put a price on, are in danger. The possibility of a decent, orderly and happy life in the world is being undermined and destroyed."

We wanted peace but not peace which contained the spreading canker of war nor a peace which meant progressive enslavement, he added.

AIR ATTACKS

It might be queer that the expected air attacks did not come but that suited us well as with every day postponed we are better able to beat them.

Speaking of the R.A.F., Sir Samuel Hoare said: "Our young knights of the air are as brave and skillful as any of the happy warriors we ever produced. We realise that the machines good enough for to-day are not up to the needs of to-morrow so we intend to keep the lead and win and hold command of the air."

Referring to the glorious memories awakened by the arrival of Canadian troops in Britain, Sir Samuel said: "The man in the street had no warning of the event so his joy and delight and sense of being one mighty brotherhood that spans the continents and bridges the oceans suddenly swept over him in a triumphant wave of affection and pride." — Reuter.

TRINIDAD BASE REINFORCED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL BASE IN TRINIDAD HAS BEEN STRONGLY REINFORCED BY THE FORMATION OF A NAVAL VOLUNTEER UNIT WHICH IS NOW WORKING AT FULL STRENGTH.

The Trinidad Naval Volunteers, as the unit is called, was formed without any recruiting campaign but in spite of that five times the number of men required applied for enlistment.

The men are drawn from all parts of the colony, from Sangre Grande, Tobago, San Fernando, Barataria and Port of Spain.

Many are yachtsmen and deep sea fishermen. Some have served in the Navy or the Merchant Marine.

The naval base which the volunteers have joined forms a self-contained unit.

The personnel includes mechanics, carpenters, electricians, boat builders, cooks and stewards, besides regular seamen. — British Wireless.

PALESTINE MEDAL

London, To-day.

The King, says an Air Ministry announcement, has commanded that the General Service Medal with the clasp "Palestine" shall be granted to forces employed within the geographical limits of Palestine and Trans-Jordan between April 19, 1936, and September 3, 1939, both inclusive. — Reuter.

DRIFTING MINES NEAR HONG KONG

Sub-Lieutenant P. Parsons of the H. K. Naval Volunteers has reported that he sighted three mines drifting near the Alabaster Light on Wednesday in a westerly direction. They are a danger to navigation.

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POLISH WAR AIMS DEFINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Angers (France), To-day.
A PROCLAMATION WAS issued by the Polish Government yesterday outlining Polish war aims. These are given as the liberation of Polish territory and the demarcation of such frontiers as would guarantee the future security of Poland and Europe generally;

The constitution of a politically solid bloc of all Slav states which are located between the Black Sea, the Baltic and the Adriatic.

The proclamation states that German aggression is partly due to the frequent disputes between the Slav states.

It concludes by emphasising the Polish Government's loyalty to the Allies both in warfare and the establishment of future peace. — Havas.

FAILS TO APPEAR

Fines totalling \$40 were this morning imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen on Mr. L. R. Brown, of No. 5, La Salle Road, for driving a car with no front lights on two occasions on November 16 (at 8.50 p.m. and at 10.10 p.m.) in Nathan Road and in Salisbury Road, failing to keep to the left, to obey a traffic signal or to stop when signalled.

Despite the non-appearance in Court of Mr. Brown, who was not represented, the Magistrate decided to hear the case, which was adjourned from last week.

H.K. TRAFFIC CASES

Miss J. Braga, of No. 12, Knutsford Terrace was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for driving without a licence, and parking overtime in Queen's Road Central.

Defendant was fined \$5 on each charge.

Mrs. G. K. Raffey, of Hong Kong University, was fined \$5 for remaining longer than necessary in Queen's Road Central.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke prosecuted.

DIAMOND RING LOST

The wife of Lieut.-Commander de Chair, of No. 122, the Peak, lost a diamond ring at about 1.30 a.m. yesterday, between the Star Ferry taxi car park and Chater Road.

BANISHEE'S ASSERTION

"I was born in Hong Kong," said a young banishee, Chu Sam, 17, when charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning.

It was stated that the youth was banished last September for ten years. This was his second return.

Sentencing accused to six months' hard labour, Mr. Macfadyen promised to bring up the matter for re-investigation.

A 7-year-old girl was yesterday treated at the Kowloon Hospital for injuries caused by a car in Nathan Road. The car was driven by Miss L. Heang of No. 23, Homuntin Road.

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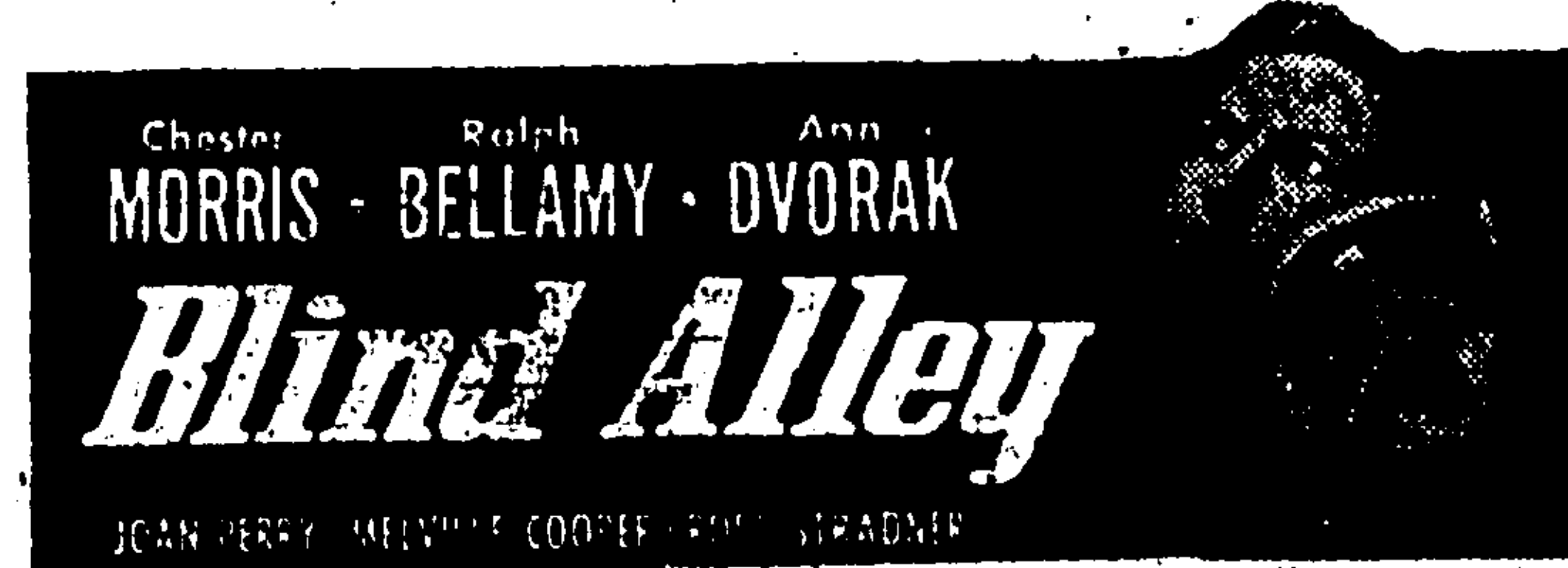
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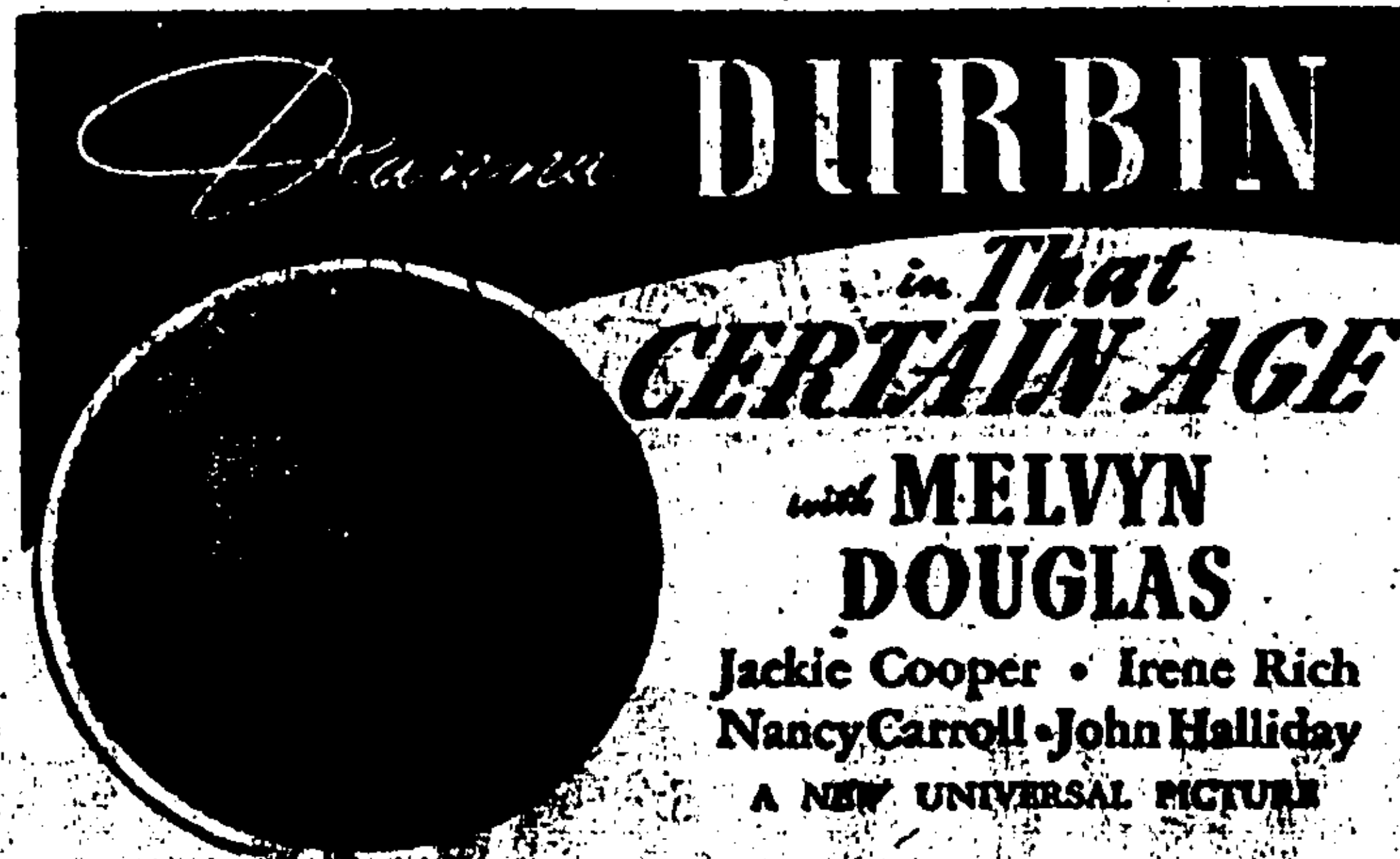
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WHOLE INCIDENT WITNESSED BY DANISH VESSEL

London, To-day.

THE LATEST FISHING BOAT to be sunk by Nazi aeroplanes is the trawler Trinity, which was bombed on Tuesday at a point some 75 miles from the Scottish coast.

The attack was watched by a Danish trawler, which was a mile away at the time.

The German aeroplane, the crew of the Danish boat reports, dived onto the British trawler many times, bombing and machine-gunning it.

The crew took refuge in the cabins and it was not until the Trinity was on the verge of sinking that they took to their boat.

After the Trinity had sunk beneath the waves, the eight British survivors were picked up by the Danish boat and landed in Denmark yesterday.

One fireman went down with the Trinity, while the cook died of his wounds not long after being rescued.—Reuter.

***The Trinity, a vessel of 203 tons, was owned by A. G. Brown, and registered at Granton. Built in 1914, she was 115 feet long.

COMPLETELY FUTILE

London, To-day.

Nazi air attacks on naval vessels have proved completely futile, and no naval vessels have been sunk by this method.

The principal German successes have been against unarmed mer-

chant-ships, including neutrals.

They now dare to operate only against neutrals inside territorial waters;

In the Baltic; Machinegunning trawlers and Minelaying trading lanes normally used by neutral shipping.—Reuter.

"NAVAL VICTORIES"

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE NAZIS ARE NOW CLAIMING AS "NAVAL VICTORIES" THE ATTACKING AND SINKING OF DEFENCELESS FISHING BOATS BY AEROPLANES; THE FISHING BOATS ARE CALLED "BRITISH PATROL FORCES."

Yesterday, they jubilantly announced that the British had lost 23 patrol boats. The claim is completely untrue.

Only six boats, not 23, were lost—and they were fishing boats and had nothing to do with Britain's defence forces. The Admiralty announces that the Navy has not lost a single ship in the past few days.—Reuter.

"ISABELLA GREIG"

London, To-day.

The recent German campaign of bombing and machinegunning unarmed trawlers and small fishing vessels, which is provoking considerable indignation here, is generally considered to result from the failure of German endeavours both in the illegal minelaying campaign and all other forms of sea warfare.

Skipper J. M. Hall, of the trawler Isabella Greig, gives an account of how his ship was bombed and machinegunned by German aircraft last Sunday—an example typical of many such cowardly and merciless attacks.

The "trawl was down when two aircraft, recognised as twin-engined Heinkels, were sighted coming from the east. The trawler's crew of ten took cover.

WING-TIPS NEAR WATER

The aircraft came on flying low and passed one on each side of the trawler with the rear gunners firing with their machine guns.

Altogether they circled the Isabella Greig eight times, their wing tips nearly touching the water as they turned.

Besides machinegunning they also dropped between 15 and 20 bombs.

During one short respite the crew started to lower their boat but the aeroplanes returning opened heavy fire and wounded two men.

The skipper meanwhile with great difficulty had managed to get off a wireless signal.

Finally the boat was lowered and was put into the water riddled with bullets and the water barrel punctured.

The crew, taking two wounded with them, abandoned ship and the aircraft went off to the north-east.

When the boat was 500 yards away from the trawler, which was still afloat, the aircraft returned and opened fire on the boat, luckily without result, and dropped three more bombs.

British aeroplanes then appeared and the Germans made off in the direction of home.

NO WARNING

This trawler, entirely unarmed,

was flying the British mercantile flag and was engaged in fishing.

The German aircraft gave no warning whatever before opening fire and had apparently flown 350 miles from Germany for the set purpose of murdering Scottish fishermen.

The evening papers give details of further similar outrages.

The trawler Trinity was bombed and machinegunned in the North Sea. The survivors while escaping from the sunken ship were machinegunned in the water by Nazi bombers. Two of the crew of nine were killed and one wounded.

Last night the German radio announcer brazenly admitted air attacks on 24 defenceless fishing vessels and tried to excuse them by describing the vessels as warships and naval auxiliaries.—British Wireless.

EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS

London, To-day.

The bombing of unarmed trawlers spraying helpless crews with machinegun fire . . . but turning tail when faced with Royal Air Force planes.

Eye-witness accounts of this latest form of German air activity in the North Sea were given yesterday by grim-faced Scottish trawlermen when they brought their battered vessels and dead and wounded into port.

With the wheelhouse practically blown away, the funnel and ventilators burst, torn and riddled with machinegun bullets and with a gaping hole in her side, the Aberdeen trawler Star of Scotland was towed into port carrying the bodies of two of the crew killed by a bomb from a German warplane.

Two other members of the crew were injured.

DELUGE OF BULLETS

The skipper, describing the attack, said: "A plane circled round us and deluged us with machinegun bullets as we tried to launch a small boat."

The skipper's son said the German plane turned tail when R.A.F. planes were sighted.

Three other trawlers—one with survivors from a sunk trawler—

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Peiping, To-day.
According to a reliable source a local German bank is advising German clients to get rid of holdings in Swedish kronor as soon as possible.—Reuter.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique replies to the German High Command communique issued yesterday regarding the sinking of "British light naval forces," including the Pearl, Serenity, New Choice, Ilkeway, Evelyn, Sedgely and Trinity.

The Admiralty communique states the Pearl, New Choice and Trinity were fishing trawlers, and the Serenity an unarmed coastal steamer.

The Ilkeway does not exist and the Evelyn and Sedgely are Admiralty trawlers overdue some time ago and presumed to have been lost.

In the last three days, it adds, 35 vessels, two of which were neutrals, have been attacked by German aircraft.

Only three were naval units and the attacks were therefore unsuccessful.

One coastal steamer was sunk and fishing trawlers were sunk.—Reuter.

reached port after attacks by German planes.

The skipper of the Isabella Greig, which was sunk by bombs, said two of the crew were wounded when the vessel was attacked by two Heinkels.

He said that even after the crew abandoned ship the German bombers opened fire on the lifeboat and dropped more bombs.—Reuter.

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GRAF SPEE CAPTAIN COMMITTS SUICIDE

New York, To-day.
THE GERMAN EMBASSY announces that Captain Landsdorp, commander of the Admiral Graf Spee, has committed suicide. He shot himself dead with a revolver at the Buenos Aires naval arsenal on Tuesday night.

The body was found yesterday morning.

A German Embassy communique in Buenos Aires states: "The commander of the glorious cruiser, Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Landsdorp, last night sacrificed his life for his country by voluntary self-immolation."

"From the outset he decided to share the fate of his fine ship, and only personal influences and due consideration for his responsibility for the successful disembarkation of the crew of more than 1,000 men led him to postpone fulfilment of his intention until his duty was done and his superiors fully informed of the situation."

"This mission ended he bowed to destiny, a brave sailor who has written another page to the glory of the German navy."

Before committing suicide Captain Landsdorp wrote a letter to the German Ambassador to the Argentine, in which he said that when he received the order to scuttle the Graf Spee he intended, after disembarking the crew, to die on board in the explosion.—Reuter.

HITLER'S DIRECT ORDER

London, To-day.
The news that Captain Landsdorp has committed suicide bears out the view previously taken that the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee was directly ordered by Hitler, and that this ignominious end is as great a violation of the traditions of the old German Navy as the cowardly sinking of defenceless merchantmen and trawlers.—Reuter.

SHOCK TO NAZIS

Amsterdam, To-day.
The news of Captain Landsdorp's suicide came as an unpleasant shock to German official circles. Reuter learns from Berlin.

The Nazi Propaganda Ministry has not yet decided whether or in what form the news can be published in the newspapers. — Reuter.

CHINESE DRIVE ON NANNING

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

The Chinese have started a general offensive north and north-east of Nanning and furious battles are raging.

One Chinese column is striking at Yamchow while others are attacking along the Pingyang-Nanning and the Wuming-Nanning highways.

Last night, Chinese despatches claim Japanese communication lines between Nanning and Yamchow were severed. The Japanese sent planes to distribute messages to different Japanese outposts, instructing the isolated forces to stick to their posts as reinforcements are on the way.

Some 1,000 Japanese prisoners have been taken. — Our Own Correspondent.

DUTCH DEFENCE LOAN UNDER-SUBSCRIBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
The Domestic Loan of 300,000,000 Guilders issued recently was only subscribed up to 200,000,000 guilders.

The Premier, M. Degeer, admitted that the Government wanted to test the possibility of a "free loan." He added that wartime loans must be "half forced" and announced the flotation of a new similar loan.—Havas.

POLICE IN S. AFRICA RAID NAZIS

Johannesburg, To-day.

The police yesterday carried out raids on German organizations in South Africa, seizing a large number of documents.—Reuter.

RIOTS IN N.W. RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

It is reported that frequent riots are occurring all through north-west Russia.

Many arrests have been made, especially among troops.

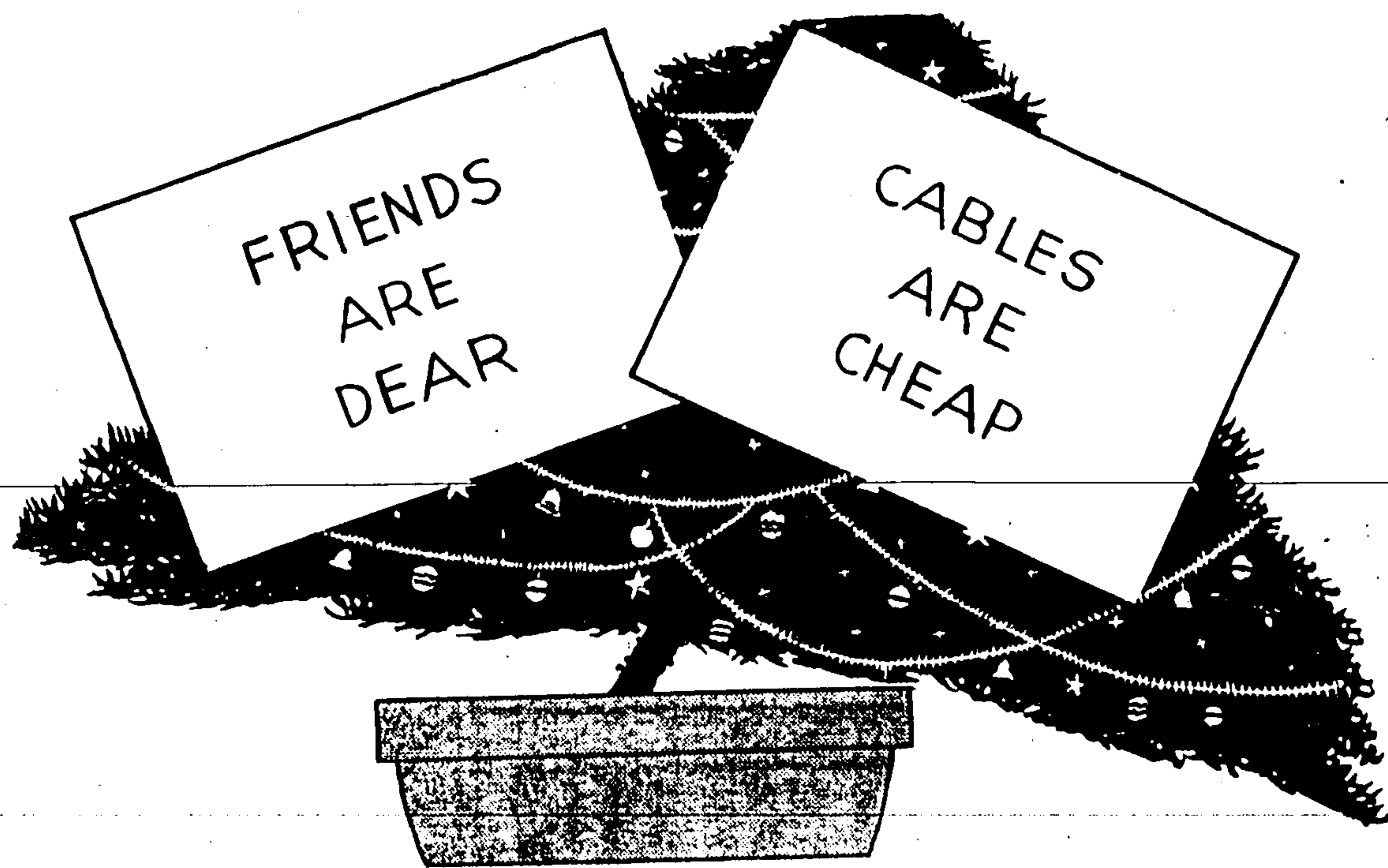
The Soviet military authorities have ordered the suppression of lighting and are strengthening the garrisons.—Havas.

COLUMBUS INCIDENT

New York, To-day.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, declared yesterday that the more complete reports now received convinced the United States Government that the Columbus was scuttled in order to avoid the risk of an encounter or seizure outside the neutrality zone.

No naval action or encounter had been reported, and therefore the question of any violation of the neutrality zone was not involved. — Reuter.



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ALLIED AID TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

The press welcomes the decision of the Allied Supreme War Council to assist Finland against the Soviet.

The "New York Times" says: "We are beginning to see much more clearly that the Russian aggression has altered the whole course of events."—Havas.

CANTON REPORT FABRICATED

CANTON, TO-DAY.

"A PURE FABRICATION BY THE CHINESE PRESS IN SHANGHAI," WAS THE COMMENT MADE TO REUTER BY AN IMPORTANT LOCAL JAPANESE OFFICIAL REGARDING THE SHANGHAI REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN SEVERE STREET FIGHTING IN CANTON.

A British resident in Canton also ridiculed the story.

It is believed, however, that fighting recently took place at Fatshan, 12 miles south-west of Canton, and also at Tungkun, 40 miles to the east.

Guerillas who are said to have carried out attacks at these places are believed to have now withdrawn.—Reuter.

NAZIS HESITATE TO LAUNCH BIG ATTACKS

London, To-day.

LORD CHATFIELD, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, broadcasting last night, said the reason Germany had not launched either a land attack against the Allied forces or a vast air assault on Britain was because she had not got the confidence that she could thus succeed.

One of the vital chapters of the war, said Lord Chatfield, was now being written.

Whatever she might say Germany needed a short war, and her move was to break the British Navy's grip on her supplies and defeat us where we were most vulnerable and yet strongest—on the sea.

When Germany signed conventions to use submarines and mines lawfully she had not the slightest intention of keeping her word.

Mines designed with all the devilish ingenuity with which Germany was capable had not been suddenly produced. They had long been in store, like a burglar's jemmy.

A CLASSIC BATTLE

Referring to the British cruisers' battle with the Admiral Graf Spee, Lord Chatfield said: "If they couldn't knock the giant out they anyhow knocked him through the ropes and he failed to return to the ring."

"The action was a classic and will go down in history."

"There are many more in the Navy like Commodore Harwood and his men, anxious to be led to victory."

The battle was an example not only of courage but of that immeasurable quality—fighting efficiency.

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By defeating the enemy on the seas we were laying the foundations of victory and ensuring that all future military operations could be safely conducted.

The Army was the last to come into the field of war, but it might well be the Army on which we would finally rely to bring us victory.

Referring to the home front, Lord Chatfield said: "We too have a great responsibility. It is not only our duty to defend these islands, the vital home base, and to supply adequately our fighting forces, but also to maintain a united national spirit."

BETTER EUROPE

"We have a cause to bring us all together, an aim that is an inspiration—to create a better Europe with safe homes from which the haunting

ME 110 STILL A FAILURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The recent British air raids on Heligoland and the ensuing dog-fights have permitted the gathering of interesting data on the fighting capacity of the new German aircraft.

These are the new Messerschmidt 110, which has replaced the former Messerschmidt model which was recognised as being too heavy.

The new type is equipped with two engines, giving a speed of 375 miles an hour, and are armed with two cannon and four machine-guns.

They are still too heavy, however.

The excessive weight per inch reduces the planes' ease of movement, destroys gliding power and renders almost any engine trouble fatal.—Havas.

STUBBS ROAD SMASH

Seven Chinese sappers, one seriously injured, were admitted to the Military Hospital this morning following an accident in Stubbs Road shortly after 8 a.m.

A lorry, of the United Delivery Company, with some 10 Chinese sappers on board was proceeding up Stubbs Road and when turning the bend at the petrol station, went over the embankment and rolled about 15 feet.

The cause of the accident has not yet been ascertained.

shadow or war will be banished: where nations like Poland cannot suddenly be torn to pieces, their homes burned and their people left to their fate to starve.

"To create a Europe in which a great-hearted country like Finland great-hearted country like Finland like Naboth because his vineyard was coveted."—Reuter.

OPENING OF YANGTSE TO NANKING GREETED WITH RESERVE

Paris, To-day.

WHILE NOTING WITH satisfaction the Japanese Government's announced intention of partially reopening the Yangtse River, well-informed circles in Paris do not under-estimate the difficulties surrounding the question.

It is felt here that the matter is one which primarily concerns Britain, because of her river traffic, although France, other European countries and the United States are also concerned.

It seems inevitable that such questions must arise as the presence of Japanese troops along the banks of the Yangtse, the river barrages, Japanese demands for a strict watch on munitions in order to stop the supply of arms and munitions to the army of General Chiang Kai-shek, and Japanese control of the Customs.

It is pointed out that whether the creation of a convoy system, for the purpose of stopping arms traffic, would meet the Japanese case is a problem which must require close

attention.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARNING

Shanghai, To-day.

A warning to the foreign powers that cynical and sceptical acceptance of the Japanese gesture in reopening a section of the Yangtse might embitter Japanese public opinion and hinder the Japanese Government's endeavours to make further concessions all over China, was made by the Japanese Embassy spokesman at yesterday afternoon's press conference.—Reuter.

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GRENADE FIGHTS ON WESTERN FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

DESPITE THE SUDDEN THAW after several days of bitter cold, patrols were extremely active throughout yesterday.

German infantry were particularly aggressive on the Lorraine front between the Moselle and the Vosges, where they made four attempts against the French advanced posts which turned into sharp infantry engagements.

At many points grenade fights took place over the barbed wire.

Important engagements occurred in a wood when one German company attacked the French positions but was repulsed after a violent fight in which artillery participated.—Havas.

SLEETY RAIN

The recent bitter wintry weather on the western front has been succeeded by a thaw, and cold sleety rain has been falling.

These conditions have hampered air operations at the front itself but have favoured long-distance flights, while British planes have visited both the German seaplane bases in North Germany and German reconnaissance machines flew over north-west and western France.

Land activity continues to consist of minor local operations, and four unsuccessful enemy patrol raids on a wide front between the Moselle and the Vosges are reported in authoritative military circles.

Last night's French war communique stated: "There was no event of importance during the day." — Reuter.

NAVIES IN CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

Admiral Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy, arrived in London yesterday for consultations with the Board of Admiralty on questions of co-operation between the British and French naval forces.

Admiral Darlan was accompanied by Rear-Admiral de Gouton and two Staff officers.

Admiral Darlan is the first French naval officer to hold the newly created rank of Admiral of the Fleet in the French Navy. — British Wireless.

TALK WITH MR. CHURCHILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Admiral Francois Darlan, Commander-in-chief of the French Navy, landed at an unnamed harbour on the Channel coast yesterday, and was welcomed by the Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, Sir William James.

Admiral Darlan immediately proceeded to London and started conferring with Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty.—Havas.

FRENCH SEIZURES OF NAZI CARGOES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is officially announced that between December 9 and 16 the French Navy seized 74,000 tons of German goods.

Since the beginning of the war 201 ships have been examined.—Havas.

THAT CHRISTMAS FEELING

London, To-day.

H.M.S. Orion and the German s.s. Aruca, which eluded her and took refuge in Port Everglades, exchanged Christmas greetings yesterday.

Books and magazines were sent from the Aruca to Orion, and Orion reciprocated. Orion is still watching outside the harbour.—Reuter.

RED ARMY SUCCESS IN NORTH NOW CONFIRMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

THE OCCUPATION BY THE Red Army of the entire strip of Finnish territory separating the extreme north of Norway from the Soviet is now confirmed in an announcement by the official Norwegian news bureau.

The new Soviet headquarters on the northern front have been established at Salmijaervi.

Soviet troops there are reported to comprise 100,000 men in addition to mechanised detachments, against a maximum of 1,000 Finns.

Soviet losses continue to be important.

From the Norwegian border, songs and dance music were heard from Russian troops gathered around camp fires despite a temperature of 58 Centigrade below zero.—Havas.

ANOTHER APPEAL

Helsinki, To-day.

Finland has made another peace appeal to Moscow.

In a broadcast, the announcer called on the Russian people to rise against the provokers of war and bring peace between Soviet Russia and Finland. — Reuter.

CHINA IN THE NEWS

Chungking, To-day.

In a leading article addressed to foreign correspondents in China, the "Central Daily News," organ of the Chinese Government, expresses gratification at the fairness and accuracy of news reports filed by foreign pressmen in China in the two years of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The journal, however, hopes that correspondents, in spite of the war in Europe, would continue to "cover" Chinese news fully and also personally keep editors in their home offices informed of actual conditions in China.—Reuter.

BALLOON BARRAGE AT SEA NOW

London, To-day.

Measures against Nazi aeroplanes laying mines along the British Coast include not only the nightly patrols over Heligoland, but also operations by the "Balloon Navy."

In order to intercept enemy aircraft, balloons are now made fast to boats around the various "danger areas," and these boats are manned by young members of the Balloon Barrage of the R.A.F., tug masters and fishermen.

The danger of the work is illustrated by the story of how one such boat found itself anchored at night near a mine. It did not dare move, for fear of being blown up, and those on board wore their lifebelts all night.

The next morning, the anchor was hoisted and the boat slowly and cautiously moved out of the area.—Reuter.

ALASKA AIR BASES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

In view of the "virtual alliance" between Japan and the Soviet, Mr. Anthony Dimond, Alaskan delegate to Congress, stated yesterday that he is asking Congress to vote \$15,000,000 for the construction of a new air base.

Mr. Dimond added that the air bases at Kodiak, Sitka and Fairbanks were not sufficient for the defence of Alaska.—Havas.

UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER THE EAST COAST

London, To-day.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED that unidentified aircraft appeared for a short time over the Eastern Counties last evening.

Searchlights were exposed and fighters sent up to investigate, but no contact was established.

No anti-aircraft guns were in action and no air raid warning was sounded.

The Air Ministry last night denied the German High Command statement that a British flyingboat had been shot down.

It is stated that a British flyingboat on Tuesday encountered a German machine off the Norwegian coast.

The enemy was driven off and the flyingboat returned to its base. — Reuter.

COMMUNISTS BANNED IN CHAMBER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The foreign affairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday unanimously decided to exclude the two Communist members of the committee, Gabriel Peri and Florimond Bonte.—Havas.

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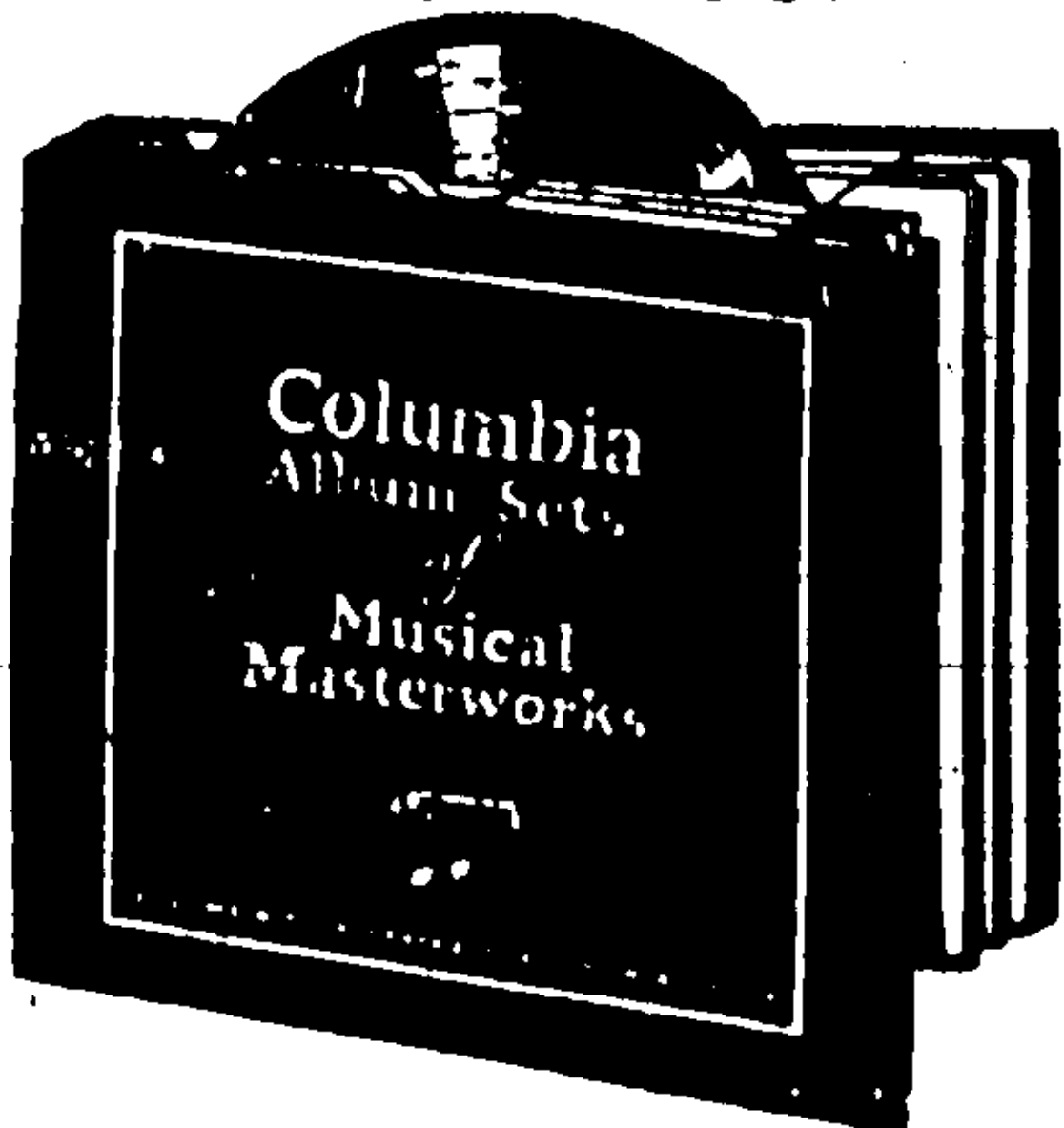


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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

MR. HERBERT MORRISON'S BROADCAST

There are still a number of people who refuse to see that Hitler stands for a whole system of government so alien to all our civilised traditions that it is impossible to treat him as if he were just a neighbour with whom we happen to have a difference. Mr. Morrison, therefore, did a useful service in giving in his admirable broadcast a terse and vivid sketch of the kind of life that he imposes on his victims. Military conquerors are often ruthless because they aim at a temporary intimidation. But in Poland and Czechoslovakia the Germans go much farther than this, for they aim at turning two nations into helot populations, and for this purpose they employ means more terrible than any that have been employed since Poland was first partitioned. These are alien victims. But what of Hitler's Germany? Mr. Morrison gives the answer. "Every child a potential spy upon its own parents." —"Manchester Guardian."

number of stains on his waistcoat each labelled with one of the crimes mentioned by the other journal.—"N. C. D. News."

U.S. AND JAPAN

Japan could not afford to antagonise America as she depends on the United States for her supply of arms and munitions. Before the outbreak of the European war, Japan could depend on German exports, but now that Great Britain has tightened her naval blockade against Germany, no supplies from the Reich will be forthcoming.

Because of this Japan concluded the Nomonhan truce with Soviet Russia when the latter embarked on her campaign against Poland. But while the U.S.S.R. is seeking to avoid any friction with Japan at present since she is occupied in Europe, Moscow will turn back to the East.

For more than a month, Soviet-Japanese trade negotiations have been reported under way but no agreement seems forthcoming. The Soviet Union's postponement of the talks is a wise move on Moscow's part to delay a showdown with Japan, while the latter, on the other hand, seeks to use these talks as a threat that the U.S. had better come to terms.

As long as America adheres to her traditional policy of Open Door and equal opportunity she will not renew the trade pact with Japan. It is a fact that although Soviet Russia and the United States are opposed to Japan's aggressive acts in China, they adopt different policies in dealing with the situation. Unfortunately, because of divergence in policy, Japan is attempting to play the U.S.S.R. against America and vice versa.—Shanghai "Hwa Pao."

CLOAK AND DAGGER DEPT.

Efforts of the Phillips Oppenheim school of international espionage romances fade into the commonplace in comparison with the fertile inventiveness of the competitive Nazi school of propagandists. Not satisfied with saddling the British Secret Service with the responsibility for the attempt on Hitler's life in the Munich beer cellar—an incident, it might be mentioned, strangely relegated into the background despite arrests, claims of incontrovertible evidence and threat of trial—many more crimes have been made against this extraordinarily ubiquitous and scoundrelly gang of cut-throats in the opinion of Germany. Practically everything in Europe since the burning of Rome has been attributed to the work of the British Secret Service who, to say the least, must have their hands full attending to all these jobs. The murder of King Alexander of Yugoslavia is the latest of the crimes which Dr. Goebbels is crediting to the British Secret Service in order to strengthen the charge that the Munich attempt was financed and inspired by London. According to a special illustrated article in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," other recent crimes by this service including the "poisoning" of King Feisal of Iraq, the motor accident in which King Ghazi met his death, and the murder of M. Galmiescu, the Rumanian Premier. Going farther back into history, the British Secret Service also arranged the sinking of H.M.S. Hampshire, which was conveying Lord Kitchener to Russia. With comprehensible reticence, the journal does not explain the purpose of this effort. The assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo, which was the signal for the commencement of the last World War, was another British-inspired plot, although it does read a little absurd that, if it were so, there should be such a lack of co-ordination between the plotters and the British fighting services, which were utterly unprepared for any war. Farther back, the assassination of Tsar Paul of Russia is also quoted by this German journal, but the campaign is not confined to one paper's inspiration. The "Voelksischer Beobachter" published a cartoon of John Bull with a large

Germany to-day is confronted by a baffling dilemma. She must make difficult choice between promised, but as yet undelivered, Russian raw materials and the heavy price in prestige and strategical positions which Russia is demanding for her assistance. It must be clear even to the German leaders that Russia is fighting for her own war and that she does not care much about the welfare of Germany.

There are indications that German military and diplomatic quarters are incensed by Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop's Russian policy. Many European observers to-day see an indirect relationship between this angered disappointment of the German leaders and the fact that Chancellor Hitler, the most vociferous orator of our era, has remained silent for more than a

DEIFICATION

One of the principal devices for securing National Socialist dominance is this deification of the man, his raising to the altitude of the sole saviour of the nation. "We all believe on this earth in Adolf Hitler, our leader"; "we acknowledge that National Socialism is the faith that alone can bring blessedness to our people." These are official announcements by the party elite. The Messiah-figure of the leader is the indispensable centre of their propaganda, as carefully devised as the whole of the apparatus of power. —Dr. Hermann Rauschning.

month. Germany to-day is caught between her Russian friend and her Western enemies. Chancellor Hitler and his associates realise that even if Russia should hesitate to attack Sweden, she would not have any qualms in using force against Rumania. With the Baltic Sea under Russian control on the north, and Rumania forming the southern flank of the Soviet pincer, Germany will be completely isolated.—"China Press."

PUZZLE: WHY WAS THE GRAF SPEE SCUTTLED?

London, To-day.
GERMAN PROPAGANDA IS still at work in connection with the Admiral Graf Spee, and is alleging, firstly, that H.M.S. Exeter and Ajax ran away and that Achilles was sunk, and secondly, that Germany and Uruguay alone knew the hour the Graf Spee must leave.

After the scuttling, it is suggested, events were precipitated by the action of Uruguay.

THE CARGO OF COLUMBUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Mexico City, To-day.

It was revealed yesterday that the huge Nazi liner Columbus had been engaged in loading cargo, mainly oil and plenty of foodstuffs, during the past two months she has stayed in Vera Cruz.

The cargo and supplies were partly paid for by the German colony in Mexico City, which is reported to have contributed 25,000 pesos.

Non-German members of the crew left the ship sometime before the captain decided to sail.

Several German sailors also left when the captain announced he would sail for Trieste.—Havas.

NOT ALLOWED TO KNOW

Berlin, To-day.

Up to a late hour yesterday, the German public was not allowed to know that the 32,000-ton liner Columbus, had been scuttled by her crew.—Reuter.

GERMAN LOSSES SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"

Mexico, To-day.

The scuttling of the Columbus brings to 23 the number of German ships sunk by their crews with a total tonnage of 139,423. German ships captured by the Allies total 19, aggregating 88,298 tons.—Havas.

CANADIAN DONATES A HOSPITAL

Toronto, To-day.

A private citizen of Toronto has given \$150,000 (about £30,000) to pay for a hospital in Buckinghamshire, England.

Canada will thus have its first war hospital overseas. The gift was made to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

A munificent gift by a citizen of Toronto has enabled Canada to meet the cost of its first war hospital being erected in Buckinghamshire.

Hearing that Can. \$150,000 would provide the entire cost, this private citizen, who remains anonymous, sent a cheque for the whole amount.

The gift was made to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society, where Can. \$825,000 was raised in the first fortnight of the Dominionwide campaign to provide Can. \$3,000,000 for Red Cross work.

By the end of last month the fund, which was inaugurated on November 12, had already reached Can. \$2,988,788.—British Wireless.

The Management of the Peninsula Hotel advises that the usual Sunday Tea Dance at that Establishment will not take place on December 24th and 31st but will be resumed on January 7th, 1940.

At 7 p.m. on December 18 the Nazi radio, Deutschlandsender, announced that Exeter was so badly smashed that "she resembles an open rowing-boat."

At 6 a.m. on December 19 the same station spoke of the "humane decision of the Fuehrer not to allow the lives of the Graf Spee to be imperilled in a fight with great superior forces."

In connection with the scuttling of Graf Spee and the loss of or damage to three German cruisers in three days, the following recapitulation of British naval losses is of interest:

Courageous, Royal Oak, Gypsy, Blanche, Oxley, Duchess, Rawalpindi and a few auxiliary and patrol vessels.

Ark Royal, Repulse, Renown, Southampton, Hood and other ships alleged to have been sunk or damaged are still engaged on their lawful occasions, some of which have now been revealed.—Reuter.

STOCKHOLM COMMENT

Stockholm, To-day.

Commenting on Nazi communiques, the Liberal morning newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" says that the facts of the naval battle in the South Atlantic are more in accordance with the British version than that issued by the Germans.

The German authorities, says the paper, must recognise that the mistrust which their reports receive are not based on hostility or British influence, but arise solely from the nature of the German news material itself.—Reuter.

N.Z. WAR EFFORT

WELLINGTON, TO-DAY.

IN ADDITION TO HER OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS, NEW ZEALAND IS ALSO TO CONTRIBUTE TO BRITAIN'S NAVAL STRENGTH, WHILE HER AIR FORCE EXPECTS TO DOUBLE ITS PERSONNEL STRENGTH WITHIN 15 MONTHS AND TO TREBLE THE NUMBER OF MEN SERVING OVERSEAS.

Twenty merchant ships are now employed guarding Auckland. Vessels for training men for mine-sweeping and anti-submarine work are being put into operation, and an armoured merchant cruiser has been provided.

Naval escort was provided by New Zealand for the first reinforcements for garrisons in the Pacific islands and men of the Volunteer Reserve have been placed at the disposal of the Admiralty.—Reuter.

SEAFORTH'S MAN'S TRIAL

Shanghai, To-day.

Private Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, is to be tried by the British Supreme Court on January 9 in connection with the death of Lance-Corporal Davies, of the same Regiment, on the night of November 4.—Reuter.

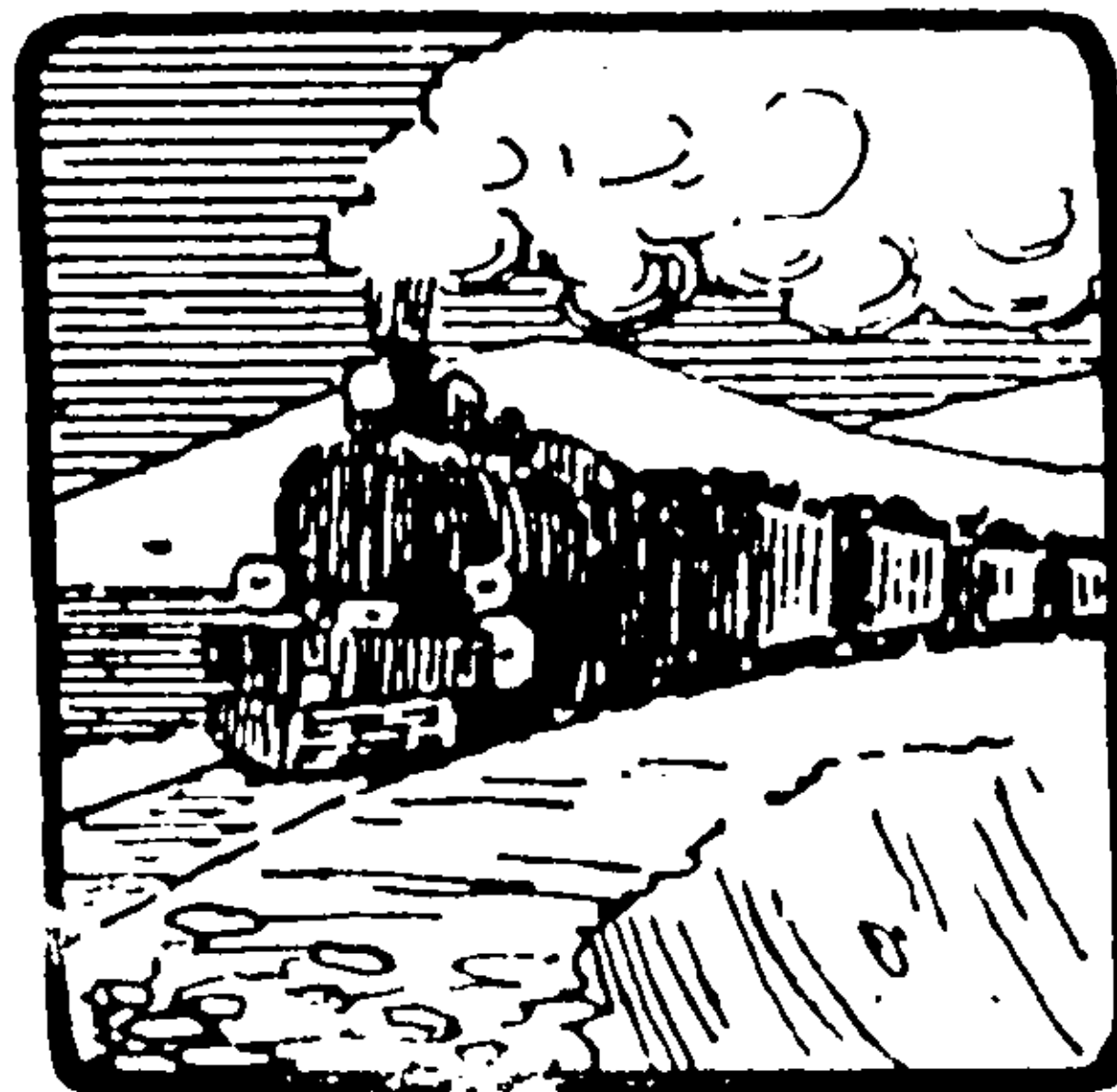
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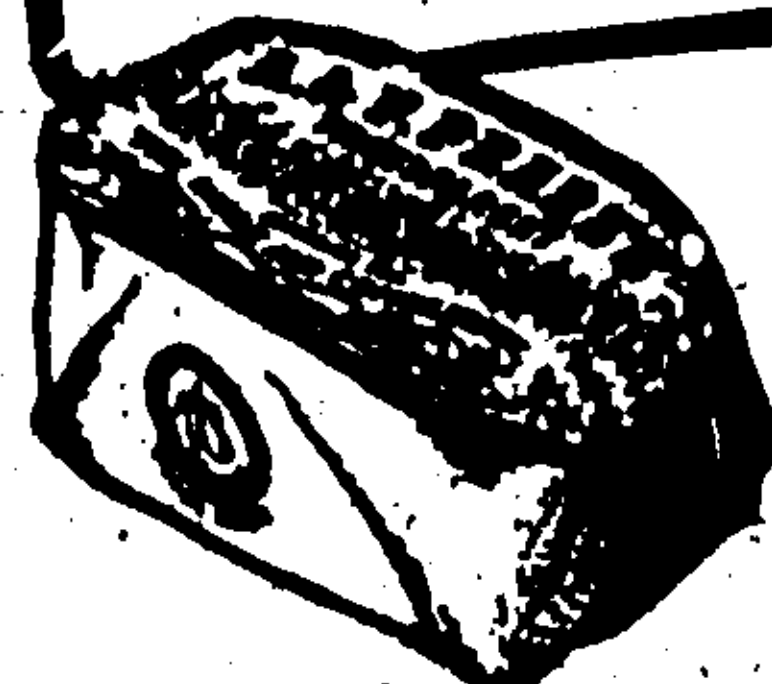
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"HITLER SPEAKS"

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IS HITLER MAD?

Is Hitler mad?

I think everyone who has met the Fuehrer two or three times must have asked himself this question. Anyone who has seen this man face to face, has met his uncertain glance, without depth or warmth, from eyes that seem hard and remote, and has then seen that gaze grow rigid, will certainly have experienced the uncanny feeling: "That man is not normal."

Then again he may be seen to sit in apathy for a quarter of an hour, without speaking a word, without even looking up, picking his teeth abominably. Has he heard anything that was going on? Has he been dreaming? Never was a real conversation with Hitler possible. Either he would listen in silence, or he would "speechify" and not allow one to speak. Or he would walk restlessly up and down, interrupt constantly, and jump from one subject to another as if unable to concentrate.

I cannot judge whether Hitler is near madness in the clinical sense. My own experience of him and what I have learned from others indicate a lack of control amounting to total demoralisation. His shrieking and frenzied shouting, his stamping, his tempers of rage—all this was grotesque and unpleasant, but it was not madness. When a grown-up man lashes out against the walls like a horse in its stall, or throws himself on the ground his conduct may be morbid, but it is certainly rude and undisciplined.

Hitler, however, has states that approach persecution mania and dual personality. His sleeplessness is more than the mere result of excessive nervous strain. He often wakes up in the middle of the night and wanders restlessly to and fro. Then he must have light everywhere. Lately he has sent at these times for young men who have to keep him company during his hours of manifest anguish. At times these conditions must have become dreadful. A man in the closest daily association with him gave me this account: Hitler wakes at nights with convulsive shrieks. He shouts for help. He sits on the edge of his bed, as if unable to stir. He shakes with fear, making the whole bed vibrate. He shouts confused, totally unintelligible phrases. He gasps, as if imagining himself to be suffocating.

Remarkable Scene

My informant described to me in full detail a remarkable scene—I should not have credited the story if it had not come from such a source. Hitler stood swaying in his room, looking wildly about him. "He! He! He's been here!" he gasped. His lips were blue. Sweat streamed down his face. Suddenly he began to reel off figures, and odd words and broken phrases, entirely devoid of sense. It sounded horrible. He used strangely composed and entirely un-German word-formations. Then he stood quite still, only his lips moving. He was massaged and offered something to drink. Then he suddenly broke out—"There, there! In the corner! Who's that?"

He stamped and shrieked in the familiar way. He was shown that there was nothing out of the ordinary

in the room, and then he gradually grew calm. After that he lay asleep for many hours, and then for some time things were endurable.

It is terrible to think that a mad-man may be ruling Germany and driving the world to war. And hysteria is infectious. Anyone who has seen splendid youngsters, entirely normal, slowly but steadily become demoralised through association with hysterical women, will not wonder that hysteria should be extending to high dignitaries of the Reich, Gauleiter, officials, officers, and a whole nation.

I have frequently heard men confess that they are afraid of Hitler, that they, grown men though they are, cannot visit him without a beating heart. They have the feeling that the man will suddenly spring at them and strangle them, or throw the ink-pot at them, or do something senseless. But there is a great deal of insincere enthusiasm, with eyes hypocritically cast up, and a great deal of self-deception, behind this talk of an unforgettable experience. Most visitors want their interviews to be of this kind, because so many others have said that such were their own.

"Great Experience"

But is that really all it amounts to, that the visitor was simply under the influence of auto-suggestion during his "great experience"? The case is not quite so simple as that. I have often had the opportunity of examining my own experience, and I must admit that in Hitler's company I have again and again come under a spell which I was only later able to shake off, a sort of hypnosis. He is, indeed, a remarkable man. It leads nowhere to depreciate him and speak mockingly of him. He is simply a sort of great medicine-man. He is literally that, in the full sense of the term. We have gone back so far toward the savage state that the medicine-man has become king among us.

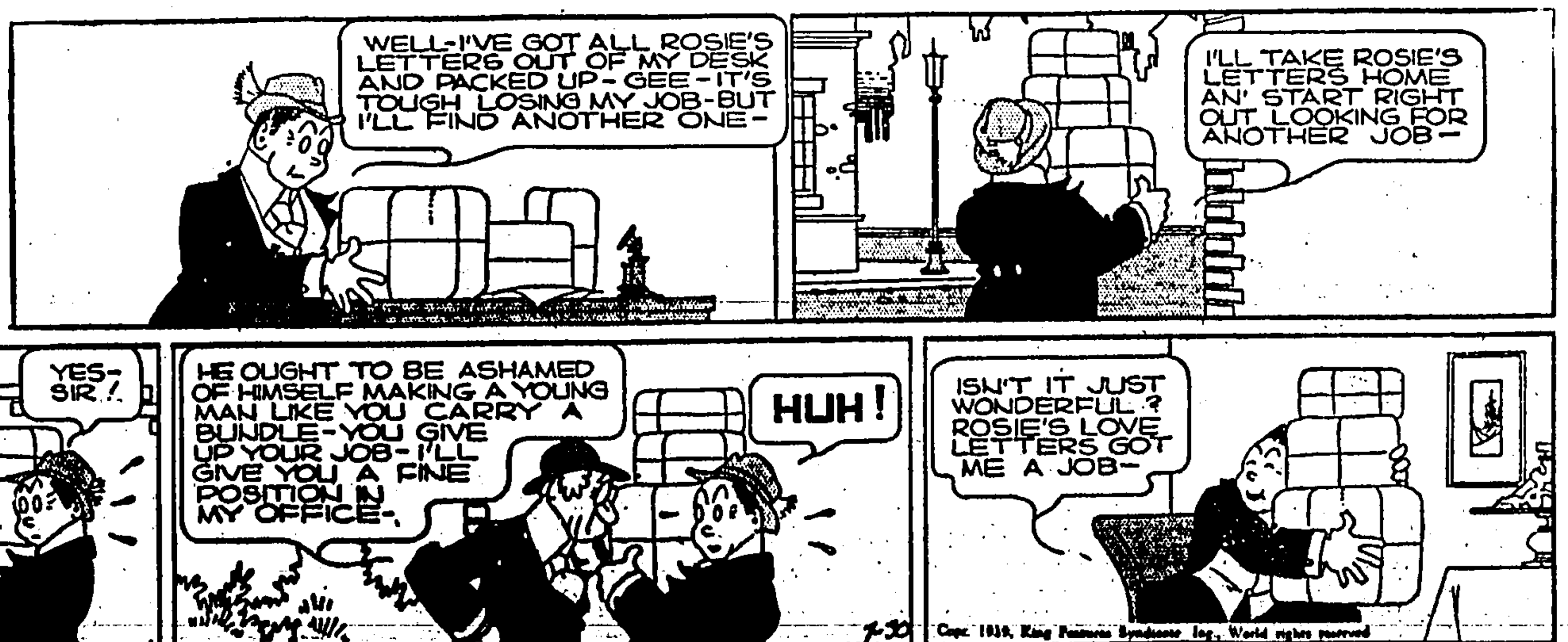
Hitler is exacting, spoilt, avaricious, greedy. He does not know how to work steadily. Indeed, he is incapable of working. He gets ideas, impulses, the realisation of which must be feverishly achieved and immediately got rid of. He does not know what it is to work continuously and unrelentingly. Everything about him is "spasm", to use a favourite word of his. Nothing about him is natural. His professed love of children and animals is a mere pose.

He has acquired the most curious habits. He can only get to sleep if his bed has been made in a particular way. The quilt must lie folded exactly as prescribed. Men whom he trusts must make the bed. Is he afraid of poisoning, of some secret contrivance, poison on the pillow, an infernal machine in the mattress? Himmler busied himself in the early days with a poisonous white powder. Strewn on the pillow, it would be inhaled in sleep and injure the lungs, bringing a painful death.

He loves solitary walks. The mountain forests intoxicate him. These walks are his divine service, his

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**ROSIE'S
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"HITLER SPEAKS"

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prayers. He watches the passing clouds, listens to the moisture dripping from the pines. He hears voices. I have met him when in this mood. He recognises nobody then: he wants to be alone. There are times when he flees from human society.

Morbid Energy

All the more astonishing are the explosions of his "determined will," his sudden activity. Then he neither tires nor hungers; he lives with a morbid energy that enables him to do almost miraculous things. Everything is done then, in his own words, "with determination," "without tolerating" (what-ever obstacle may be in question), "fanatically". But everything about him is jerky and abrupt. He is entirely without balance. And in this respect he shows not the slightest improvement as he grows older. He has no natural greatness, even in the vastness of his new and vast rooms.

Germany's Fuehrer is not only vain and as sensitive as a mimosa: he is brutal and vindictive. He is entirely without generosity. He lives in a world of insincerity, deceiving and self-deceiving. But hatred is like wine to him, it intoxicates him. One must have heard his tirades of denunciation to realise how he can revel in hate.

Brutal and vindictive, he is also sentimental—a familiar mixture. He loved his canaries, and could cry when one of them sickened and died. But he would have men against whom he had a grudge tortured to death in the most horrible way. He eats in credible quantities of sweetmeats and whipped cream; and he has the instinct of the sadist, finding sexual excitement in inflicting torture on others.

Foul Atmosphere

Most loathsome of all is the reeking miasma of furtive, unnatural sexuality that fills and fouls the whole atmosphere round him, like an evil emanation. Nothing in this environment is straightforward. Surreptitious relationships, substitutes and symbols, false sentiments and secret lusts—nothing in this man's surroundings is natural and genuine, nothing has the openness of a natural instinct.

"Oh!" said Forster once to me—"Forster Boy," one of Hitler's closest intimates, the *enfant terrible* among the Gauleiter—"Oh, if Hitler only knew how it does one good to have a fresh, natural girl!" Forster had just begun "courting." "Poor Hitler!" he said. I did not pursue the subject.

Hitler has a room with obscene nudes on the wall, concealing nothing. Such pictures have no artistic intention or appeal. He revels in this style of painting. Is he merely aping Frederick "the Great" and his cynicism? Was that his intention, too, when he was paying court to dancers—was he trying to dupe the world by pretending to be involved in amorous adventures while his troops were preparing to march on Prague, in imitation of Frederick's invasion of Saxony?

This man, so convinced of his own godlike stature, is grateful for every bit of praise and for the crudest flattery. He lives on praise and recognition. He needs constant reassurance by expressions of enthusiastic approval.

(To Be Continued)

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HITLER MAY MEET IL DUCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Preparation for a personal talk between Hitler and Mussolini is said to be the main object of the arrival here yesterday of Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Nazi secret police.

Himmler's arrival in Rome has aroused the keenest interest among political circles.

It is recalled that during his last visit to Italy, Himmler raised several pending questions between Italy and Germany, namely, the transfer of Germans from the High Adige (formerly Tyrol) and also the question of numerous desertions of Austrians to Italy. — Havas.

ATTEMPT TO ATTACH THE ARAUCA

MIAMI, TO-DAY.

THE IMPERIAL SUGAR COMPANY OF GALVESTON HAS FILED SUIT FOR ATTACHMENT AGAINST THE GERMAN FREIGHTER ARAUCA, WHICH PUT INTO PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA, ON TUESDAY, AFTER BEING PURSUED BY A BRITISH WARSHIP.

The company claims it had many tons of sugar on board three Hamburg-America Line freighters which put into neutral ports at the beginning of war without delivering the cargoes. The suit involves the sum of \$38,500. — Reuter.

XMAS IN LONDON FOR PRINCESSES

London, To-day.

Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret are to spend Christmas with Their Majesties the King and Queen.

They have been in Scotland ever since before the war and travelled down to London during Tuesday night.

They have not seen the King since the middle of August or the Queen for two months.—Reuter.

BRITISH WAR ORDERS

London, To-day.

The Minister of Supply, in a speech yesterday, said that between Sept. 3 and December 12 the Ministry of Supply had placed orders amounting to £225,000,000.

This worked out at £2,250,000 per day.

The amount included £70,000,000 on raw materials, textile and leather goods, £50,000,000 on guns, small arms and ammunition, £45,000,000 on transport vehicles, £12,000,000 on machine tools, £12,000,000 on optical and scientific instruments, £10,000,000 on general stores and £21,000,000 on assisted schemes of production, including plant. — British Wireless.

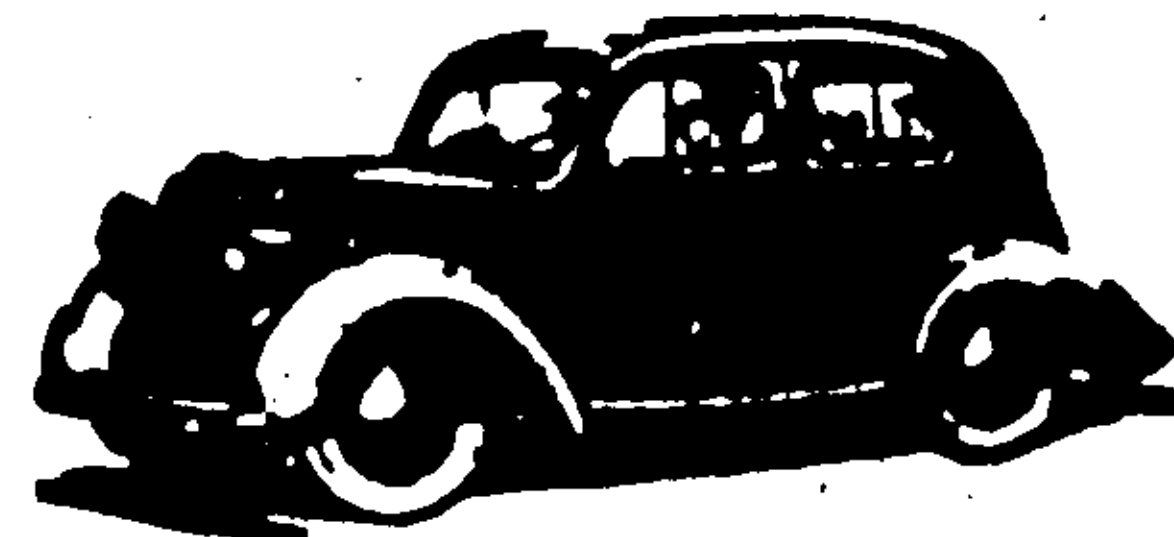
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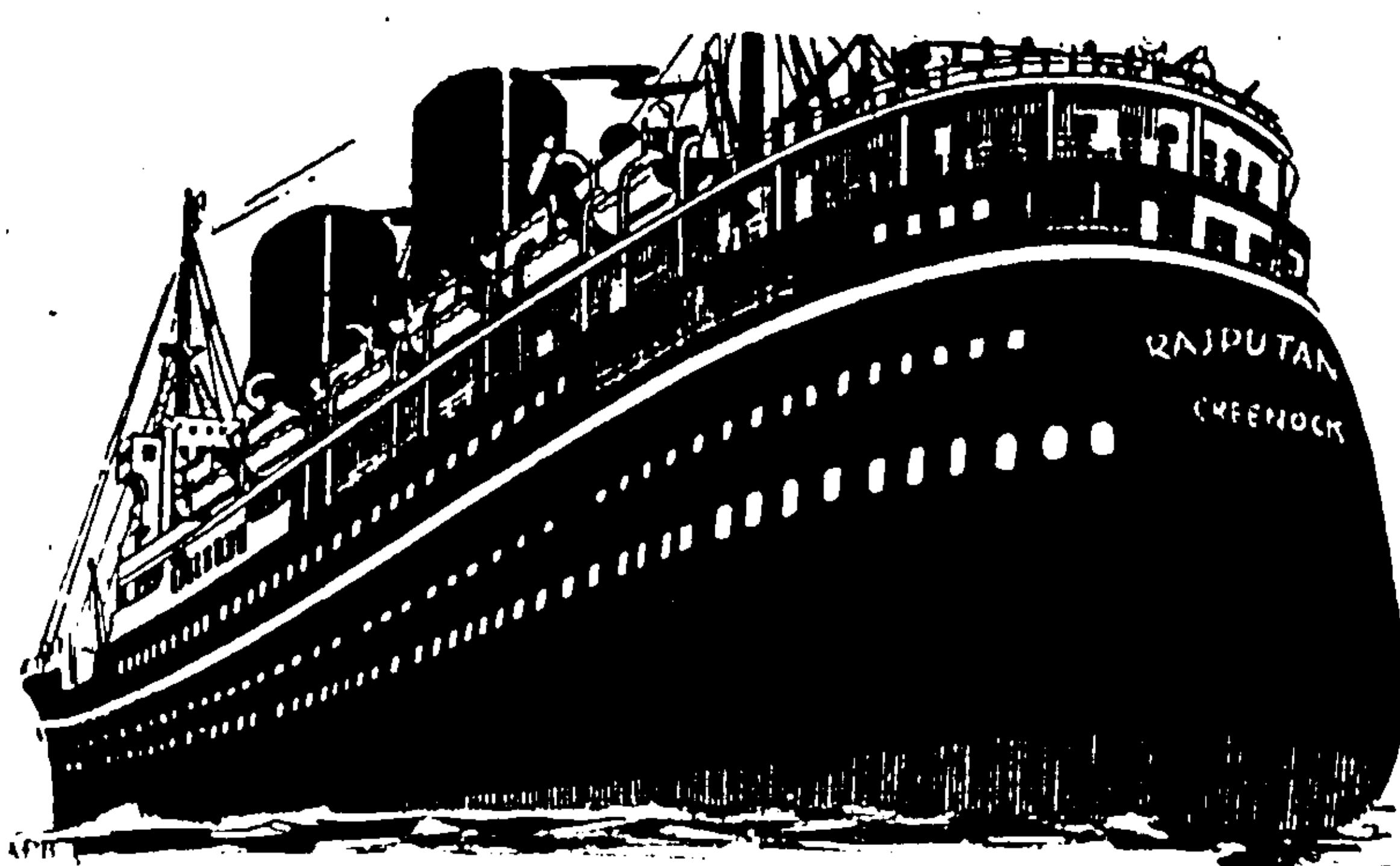
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CANADIAN DIVISION ENTIRELY OF VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

THE CANADIAN TROOPS which have arrived in England were entirely recruited by voluntary enlistment.

French-speaking Canadians rallied as eagerly as English-speaking Canadians, emphasising the overwhelming verdict of the Quebec general election.

They constitute a citizen force from every province and all classes and sections, coming to fight in the defence of their liberties and values at stake in the present struggle.

The Canadians arrived in England on the same day as the agreement was signed between the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to establish an Empire air training organisation in Canada.

The organisation will produce tens of thousands of trained airmen a year, thus winning by co-operative effort predominance in the air similar to that enjoyed at sea. — Reuter.

UNITED CANADA

London, To-day.

The arrival of the Canadian troops and the latest figures showing the present trade position are two of the main topics discussed by the British press.

"The Times" says that Canadians are more united to-day than they were in 1914, and are more united over the war than they have been over any issue for years.

The landing of the Canadian troops is important not only for the military help thus provided, but also as showing Canada's whole-hearted participation in the war.

STRIKING PROOF

The "Manchester Guardian" says that the arrival of the Canadians is striking proof of Canada's enthusiasm for the Allied cause and her close co-operation with the British Commonwealth in the war.

War had hardly begun before an historic debate in the Canadian Parliament showed that Canada was united from ocean to ocean. The Government found itself faced with an embarrassing rush of recruits for service overseas.

CHEERING NEWS

Discussing the trade figures, the "Daily Telegraph" stresses that exports in November were 50 per cent. up over October. This is cheering news. Both foodstuffs and raw materials show a substantial increase all round.

But there is much leeway to make up, but the figures are interesting as showing that the tendency is strongly set in the direction of recovery.

The "Yorkshire Post" points out that in the last war, recovery was very slow. We owe the present happy position equally to the enterprise of traders and the fine work of our sailors.

The paper warns, however, that this improvement must be maintained.

GERMAN AIR LOSSES

London, To-day.

The German air force has lost 17 aeroplanes in two air battles over the Heligoland Bight since last Thursday.

The cost of the Nazi coastal defence is in sharp contrast to that of the R.A.F. for British coastal defence.

During October and November, the Nazis lost 21 machines in raids on the British Coast; the R.A.F. Coastal Command lost not a single machine. — Reuter.

BOMBERS' SUCCESS

London, To-day.

British aircraft have proved vastly superior, and even our bombers are more than a match for the German fighters.

This was seen in Sunday's fight, when 12 Messerschmidt fighters were lost and only seven R.A.F. bombers downed.

Normally bombers unassisted by fighters are at a great disadvantage against wave after wave of the more rapid fighting aircraft. — Reuter.

DEATH OF B.B.C. MUSICAL DIRECTOR

London, To-day.

The death occurred in London on Tuesday of Eric Fogg, who for 16 years was a member of the BBC staff as Empire Music Director and conductor of the BBC Empire Orchestra since its inception in 1934. — Reuter.

ed, for it is just as true of Britain as of Germany that "we must export or perish."

DEFENCELESS SHIPS

"Butchery" is the name the "Daily Telegraph" gives to the Nazi plane attacks on defenceless fishing ships. The butchers, says the paper, are certain that when they attack these ships they attack with impunity.

But British fishermen were undeterred by the weight of the Hohenzollern arms in the last war and "they will not fear Hitler." — Reuter.

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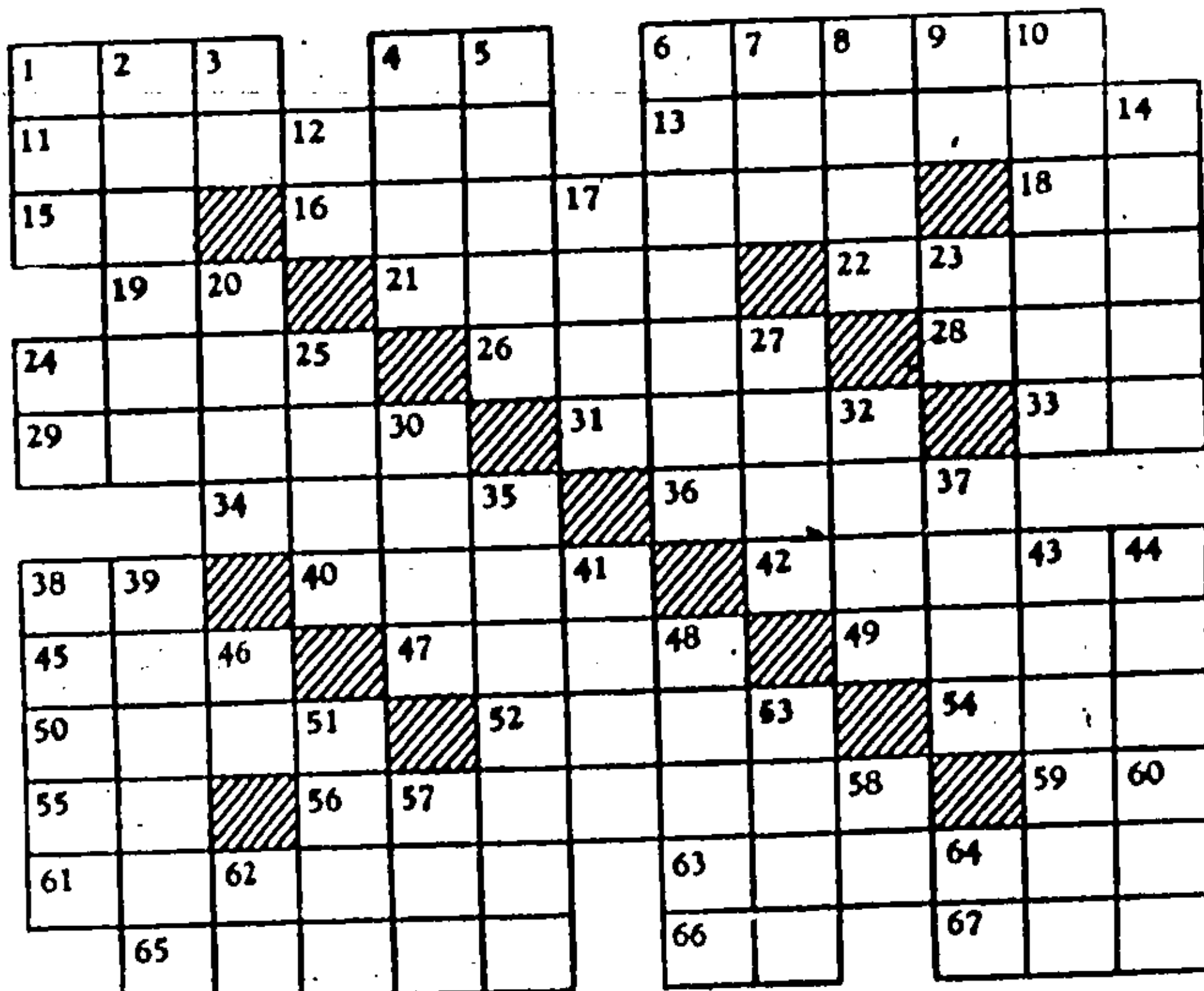
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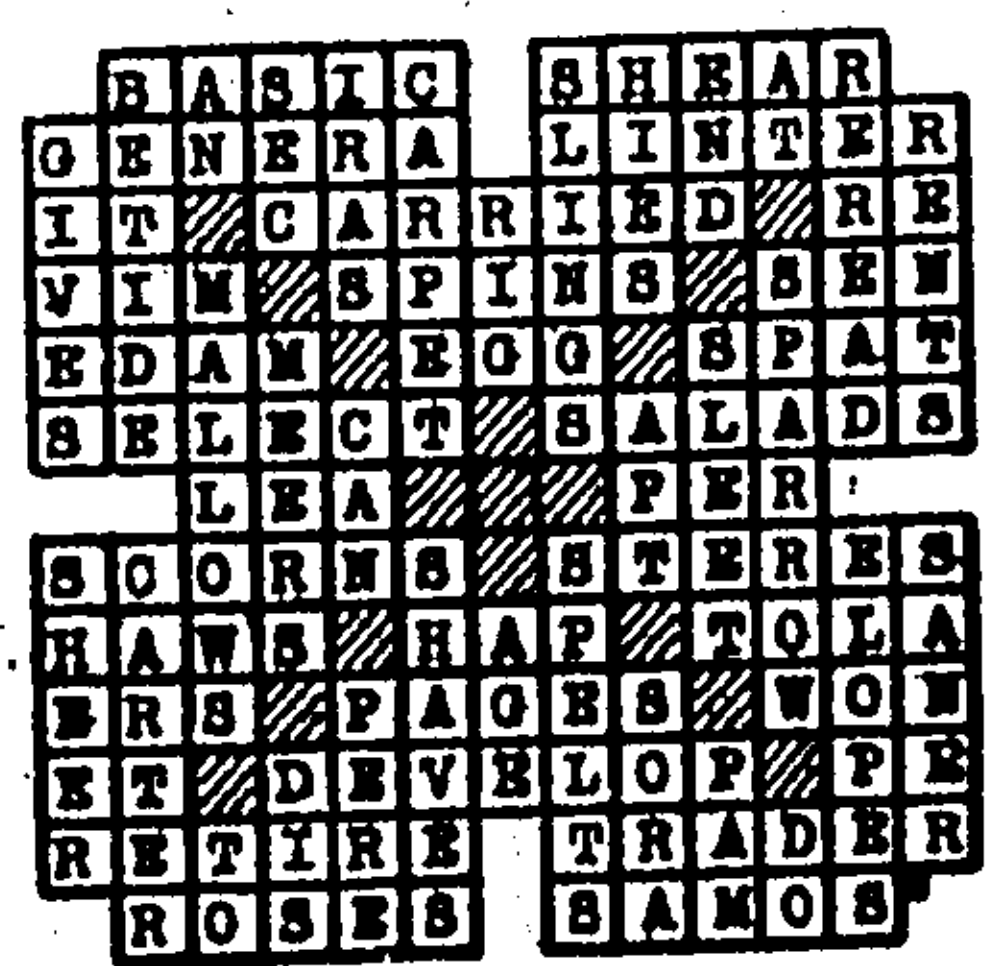
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- 12 Note of scale
- 14 Homes
- 17 Poison
- 20 Auricles
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- 24 Pronoun
- 25 Brims
- 27 Crow-like birds
- 30 Gnaws
- 32 Son of Adam
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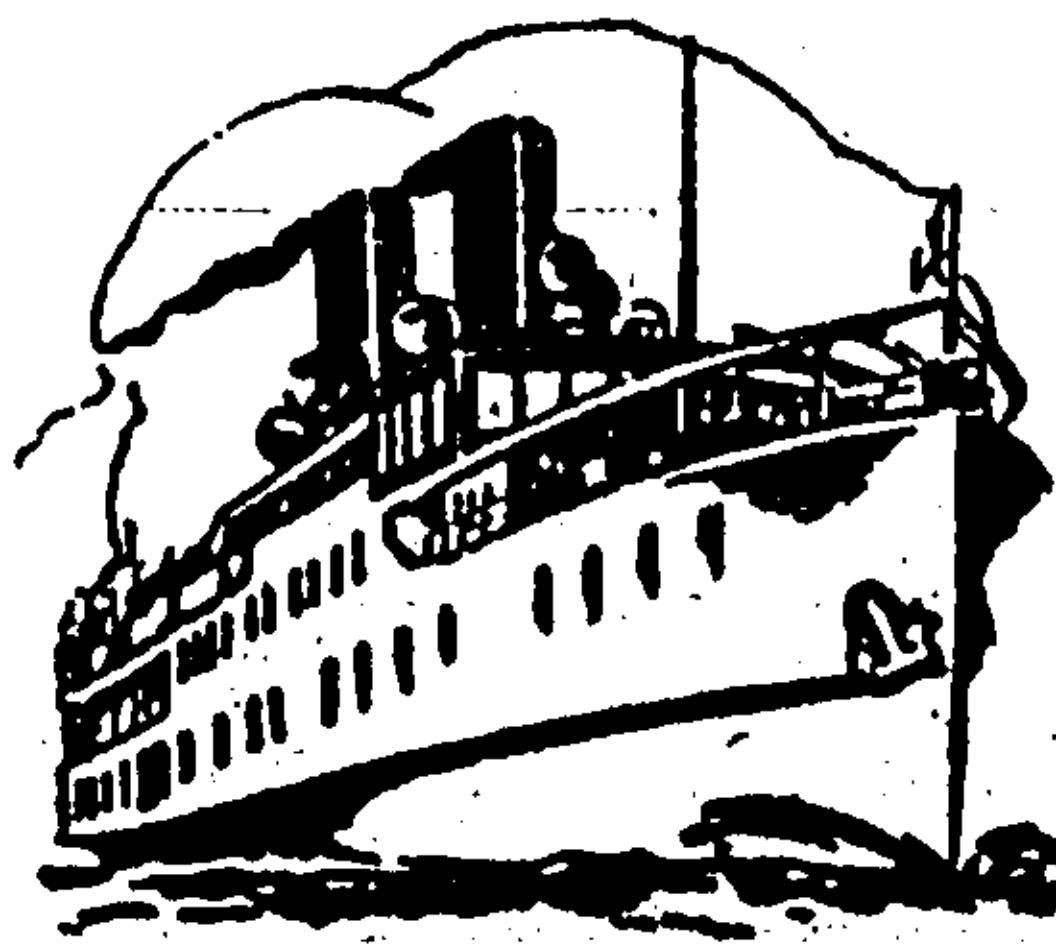
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GERMAN NERVOUS EXCITABILITY

London, To-day.

OBSERVERS IN LONDON claim to discern an increasing decree of nervous excitability which appears to have affected the German official mind during the last few days in relation to the war in the air.

It is pointed out that on Monday the German agencies described in great detail an air battle over Sylt which never took place.

This, it is thought, was done for the purpose of helping bolster up the fantastic figures of aircraft said to be engaged and brought down in action over the Heligoland Bight.

Yesterday this feat of imagination was surpassed by an even more remarkable series of inventions.

Sylt was again the arena chosen. Details were given of the length of time taken by the operations.

The tactics of the British aircraft were described as well as their engagement by German fighters.

ATTACKS INVENTED

But, not content with this, the German agencies went much further and actually invented an attack on the towns of Hoernum and Rantum. An official denial of this was issued by the Air Ministry.

Not only is the German account devoid of truth in every detail but the statements themselves provide material for their own refutation.

For the imaginative zeal of the authors of these reports has betrayed them into giving most circumstantial details in relation to time.

For example, we read that "at 2 p.m. people at Sylt saw British bombers at a great height attacking Rantum."

FANTASTIC INVENTIONS

In fact, it is authoritatively stated that there were no British aircraft within hundreds of miles of Sylt at that time.

Reason for these fantastic inventions, it is suggested, is an attempt to justify, by inventing a British attack on German towns, the new and flagrant breaches of international law and decency which German aircraft are committing in their attacks on unarmed fishermen.—British Wireless.

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 23-7/16 spot and 23-5/8 forward.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.95.

SILVER HOARDING IN INDIA

New York, To-day.

According to local banking circles yesterday's further one cent advance in the silver price was caused by heavy speculative buying in India, and to a lesser degree, in London.

Confused by the European war trends, Indian operators are reported to be converting currencies into silver bars for hoarding.—Reuter.

BADMINTON

STEPHENS' FINE DISPLAY

Although Kowloon Tong won by 7 games to 2 there were some interesting tussles in the "B" Division badminton match last night between Kowloon Tong Club and Kowloon Cricket Club.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, who were a long way superior to their contemporaries, were featured in two thrilling games, both of which were "setted." They lost to R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko but beat N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher.

Both games were similar in nature. Ding-dong struggles ensued with the lead alternating. Fisher and Wynter-Blyth both covered court very effectively and were difficult to beat outright, but there still remains room for improvement in their combination as they are at the moment susceptible to a smashing attack up the middle.

Fisher played good all-round badminton featured by a canny short game and decisive smashing, while Wynter-Blyth was at his best when driving or smashing. He was inclined to weakness when attempting clearing shots on the backhand, however, and his service was not very effective.

LEE SHINES

For the home team F. S. Ko was his usual canny self, although making more mistakes than usual, but Richard Lee was easily the finest player of the evening with a splendid all-court game.

Special mention must also be made of the showing of J. L. Stephens, who played his first League game of the season.

His short game was particularly good and, as he is possessed of a good reach and powerful wrists, should develop into a useful League player with more experience.

F. S. Ko and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong) beat P. Winter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher 24-21 beat T. C. Kevan and J. L. Anderson 21-10 beat T. A. Madar and E. Curtis 21-11 N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong).

lost to Winter-Blyth and Fisher 20-21 beat Kevan and Anderson 21-12 beat Madar and Curtis 21-13 J. L. Stephens and A. E. H. Castro (Kowloon Tong).

lost to Winter-Blyth and Fisher 1-21 beat Kevan and Anderson 21-15 beat Madar and Curtis 21-10

XMAS IN HIS MOUNTAIN EYRIE

Berlin, To-day.

Herr Hitler left Berlin yesterday, to spend Christmas at Berchtesgaden. It is not known whether he means to keep up his usual custom of celebrating Christmas Eve with members of the Nazi Party in a beer cellar in Munich.—Reuter.

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WAR MAY HAVE STARTED IN SOUTH AFRICA HAD IT NOT IN POLAND.—SMUTS

Standerton (Transvaal), To-day.
IF THE SOUTH AFRICAN Government had not taken over the police of South-West Africa in April, the world war might have broken out not in Poland but in South Africa, declared General Smuts, the Premier, in a speech to his constituents here yesterday.

General Smuts added that but for the Government's quick action an outbreak of war might have occurred on the borders of South Africa.

Germany had followed in South-West Africa the same technique of undermining and breaking the spirit of an independent people as in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

If Germany had regained South-West Africa there was no doubt that the freedom and independence of South Africa would not have lasted long.

Loud applause greeted General Smuts' remark that Germany as a neighbour was a threat but England was South Africa's greatest friend.

General Smuts declared there was the strongest documentary evidence to show how German eyes had been on South Africa, who possessed her former colonies.

GERMANY'S AIM

Germany was out not merely to remove old wrongs but to seize all neighbouring nations and then dominate the world.

Regarding the question of independence, General Smuts said no small nation could safeguard its freedom on its own feet.

If South Africa seceded from the Empire she would have to seek the guarantee of a great power, and the only one possible was Britain.

A motion of confidence in General Smuts was given with acclamation.

PERSONAL TRIUMPH

Political writers describe the meeting as a great personal triumph for General Smuts, showing that his policy is increasingly supported as it becomes understood and the world situation develops. — Reuter.

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Fat Man's Figure Now Becoming Normal

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CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

On December 19, there were 62 neutral ships in three contraband control bases in the United Kingdom, of which 28 had been there for five days or less.

During the week ended December 16, the contraband committee considered cargoes of 104 ships which had arrived since December 9 and 62 outstanding cargoes from the previous week.

In one case, an entire cargo was seized, whilst in 91 cases entire cargoes were released either on first consideration or after enquiries.

The system under which advance copies of manifests are received and considered before the ship's arrival



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resulted during the week in 19 cases being so dealt with and in 15 cases, the ships concerned were released by the committee subject merely to a formal checking of the original manifests on their arrival at control bases. —British Wireless.

THE GERMAN NAVY UNDERSTANDS

Berlin, To-day.

The German Admiralty, in a statement on the suicide of Captain Landsdorp, says that the reason is "understood and esteemed" by the German Navy. —Reuter.



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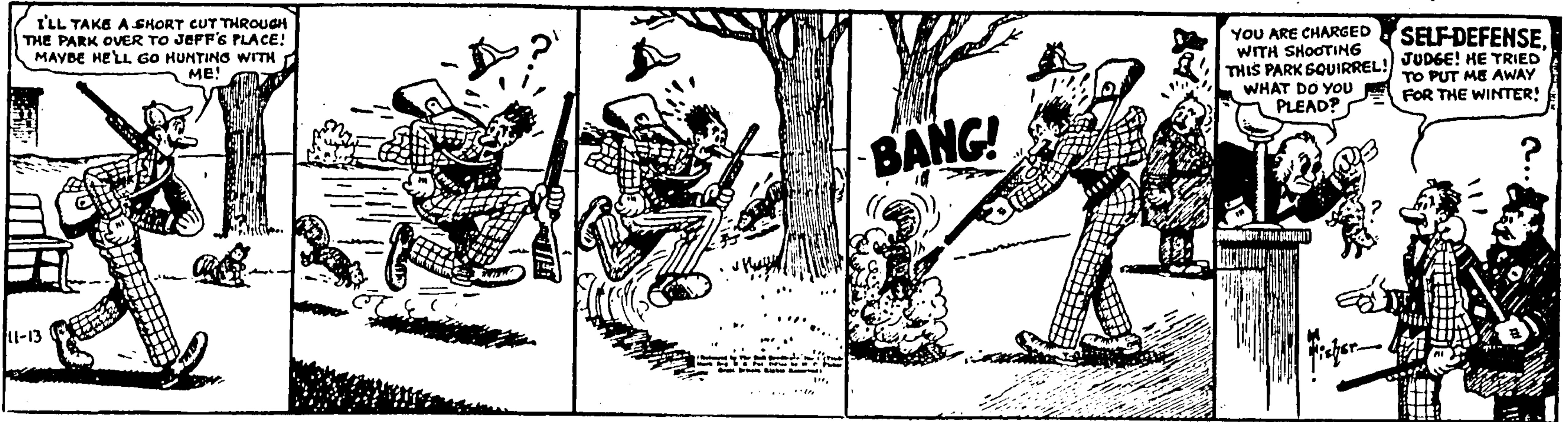
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7.00 p.m.—Light French Music.
Cafe-Chantant (Wal-Berg); C'est Dans Un Caboulot (Marc Lanjean) ... Damia (Vocal) with Orch.
Ah Dis, Ah Dis, Ah Bonjour (Charles Trenet); La Vie Qui Va (French film 'Je chante') ... Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orch.
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7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—STRAUSS—"Der Rosenkavalier" Suite, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Karl Alwin.
8.20 p.m.—SONGS by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).
Air and Variations (Proch); La Fau-

vette ("Zemire et Azor"—Gretry) ... with Flute obligato by Clement Barone.
Carnations (Valverde); Little Star (Ponce) ... with Piano accomp. by Homer Samuels.
8.32 p.m.—VIOLIN SOLOS by Fritz Kreisler.
Liebesleid (Kreisler); Liebesfreud (Kreisler) ... with Piano accomp. by Lamson.
Caprice Viennois (Kreisler) ... with Piano accomp. by Rupp.
8.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk on "Hitler and the Aryan Race".
9.05 p.m.—SONGS by Lina Pagliughi (Soprano).
"The Pearl Fishers" (Bizet-Zanardini)—Cavatina di Lella; "Rigoletto" (Verdi)—Gilda's Aria: Caro

Children's Hour And Songs By Galli-Curci

nome; "Mignon" (Thomas)—Io son Tiziana ... with Orchestral accompaniment.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—Talk by Lord Chatfield.
9.45 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Tango—Black Orchids; Spanish March—A Ball In Madeira ... Oskar Joost Tango Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Swingin' On The Moon ... Bob Howard & His Orchestra.
Waltz—The Waltz In Swing Time (film 'Swing Time'); Fox-Trot—The Way You Look To-Night (film 'Swing Time') ... Fred Astaire accompanied by Johnny Green's Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—VARIETY with Gracie Fields, Tommy Handley, Oliver Wakefield, Charlie Kunz and Others.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Background to News".
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Maier, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken ... World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.

OSTRICH TACTICS

Just as the ostrich buries his head in the sand to hide from his enemies, so a certain type of Bridge player passes indefinitely as long as his opponents are under game, and once they get to game he desperately defends.

East, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ 9 8 5
 ♥ J 8 6 3 2
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ A 10 4

♠ 3 2
 ♥ Q 10 9
 ♦ Q 9 8 7 2
 ♣ K J 8

N
 W
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♠ A 7 4
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ A J 10 6
 ♣ 9 7 5

♠ K Q J 10 6
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ Q 6 3 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	2♠(1)	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	4♠
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) South was playing the jump overall as a weakness bid.
Against the four-spade doubled contract the seven of diamonds was open-

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 1

ed. East won with the Ace and played the Ace and another spade. South guessed the clubs correctly and eventually was forced to lose one spade, two hearts, one diamond and a club

and was down two tricks less 100 honors for a loss of 200 points.
"Pretty good save, wasn't it?" asked North, whereupon South replied, "It would have been if you were saving anything. But three no-

trump was down two tricks. All you did was give them 200 instead of us."
"Well, I knew your two-spade bid was weakness," said North, "and I couldn't see how we could set the contract."

"Then why didn't you bid three spades over the three diamonds?" South answered. "Then if I had no defence, I could have gone to four spades over their three notrump. If I had defence, I could pass."

Yesterday you were the dealer and held:

♠ K 7
 ♥ A 9 6 3
 ♦ A K 10 2
 ♣ K 10 9

ANSWER:—Your correct bid is one notrump. With a High Card Value of 12 (4 quick tricks) and 7 honours, a notrump bid is preferable to a suit, particularly since with King and one spade it is preferable for you to be Declarer at notrump rather than your partner.

Score 100% for one notrump, 60% for one diamond.

QUESTION NO. 289

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Neither side is vulnerable and you hold:

♠ K 10
 ♥ A Q J 5 3 2
 ♦ A 9
 ♣ A 6 3

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby	You
Pass	Pass	1♠	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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M'SEX BOXING

H.Q. WINS EASILY

In the Inter-Company Novices Boxing Competition of the Middlesex Regiment concluded at Nanking Barracks last night the Headquarter Company came out first with 71 points as against the "A" Company's 44, "B" Company's 44, "C" Company's 41 and "D" Company's 32.

FEATHER WEIGHT

1st. Pte. Macey lost to Bns. Bolam and 2nd Pte. Bradford beat L/c. Barrett.

BANTAM WEIGHT

Pte. Taft lost to Dmr. Dewbury.

HEAVY WEIGHT

Pte. Bridle beat Pte. Flood.

L/HEAVY

Pte. Revell beat Pte. Webb.

MIDDLE

1st. L/c. Wookey lost to Cpl. Manning; 2nd Pte. Marable lost to L/c. Wilson and 3rd Pte. Fredman beat Pte. Williams.

WELTER

1st. Pte. Robinson beat L/c. Shaw; 2nd Pte. Baker beat Pte. Bridge; 3rd A/Bds. Nix lost to L/c. Colebeck and 4th L/c. Weaver lost to Pte. Cohen.

LIGHT

1st. Pte. Whitehouse lost to L/c. Williams; 2nd Pte. Samuels was absent A/Cpl. Miller W/O and 3rd. Dmr. Groosmith beat Pte. Day.

The following winners of Good Loser's Prizes in previous bouts were awarded

FOOTBALL

CHARITY TEAMS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The following are the teams for the Semi-final game of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup between China, holders, and Portugal:—

Portugal (from the following):—R. Marques (St. Joseph's); C. Marques (St. Joseph's); D. Alves (St. Joseph's); N. Delgado (International); J. Pereira (St. Joseph's); T. Castilho (St. Joseph's); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's); B. T. Gosano (St. Joseph's); J. Gomes (Electric); A. Alves (St. Joseph's); R. Ribeiro (St. Joseph's); C. Fernandes (International); R. Rocha (International); H. Campos (International) and C. Santos (Kowloon).

Manager:—Mr. A. V. Gosano.
China:—Tam Kwan-kon (S.C. A.); Lee Tin-sang (S.C. A.) and Mak Shui-hon (S.C. A.); Hsu King-cheng (Eastern); Leung Wing-chiu (S.C. A.) (Capt.), and Lau Hing-chol (S.C. A.); Yeung Shui-yick (S.C. B.); Fung King-cheung (S.C. A.); Chan Tak-fai (S.C. A.); Chow Man-chi (Kwong Wah) and Ip Pak-wa (S.C. A.).

Cheuk Shek-kam, Tse Kam-hung, Hou Yung-sang, Lau Hin-hon, Tsang Chung-wan, Lai Chi-tsan, Law Wai-kuen, Chung Yung-sum and Chang Ching-hai.
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Weight:—Pte. Claridge, 3rd String, Welter Weight; Pte. Mansfield—3rd String, Welter Weight.



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PTE. BRIDLE BEATS PTE. FLOOD IN THRILLING BOUT

Furious Exchanges Between Bolam, Macey

PTE. REVELL INJURED BATTLES PLUCKILY ON

By LEN COLLINS

(FORMER AMATEUR LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF GREAT BRITAIN.)

BEFORE A VERY satisfactory crowd and under good conditions, Middlesex Regiment's inter-company novices' boxing tournament wound up at Shamshupo last night with an easy victory for H.Q. Company.

Some of the finest bouts of the series were witnessed last night and although, as in the previous evenings, there were few exhibitions of real skill, the enthusiasm and courage of most of the contestants contributed to an excellent evening's sport.

Best fight of the evening, in my opinion, was the heavyweight bout between Ptes. Bridle and Flood. It was a case of brawn against brawn and although there was no K.O., both men landed some really telling punches.

There was little in it at the finish and Pte. Bridle managed to secure the verdict. Another extremely good fight saw Bdsman. Bolam beat Pte. Macey. Both men went at it hard from the sound of the bell and the exchanges were fast and furious. A very good fight.

L/Cpl. Barratt gave the impression that he was trying to chew his way to victory in the other featherweight encounter. This phlegmatic individual, even when hit hard, kept up his eternal chewing, appearing to forget that he was in the ring to fight! Result was Pte. Bradford won.

Pte. Tait lost to Dmr. Dewbury in a splendid bantamweight bout. Both fighters made up in fire what they lacked in weight and inches and tore into each other right through.

I thought Pte. Revell, who lost to Pte. Webb in the light-heavyweight division, was a trifle unfortunate. He was obviously quite a good boxer but the fact that his opponent was a southpaw appeared to take all the wind out of his sails. Webb gave a very nice display but failed to land any really telling blows.

DID NOT USE RIGHT
Cpl. Manning is another southpaw and although he beat L/Cpl. Wooley, I failed to understand, as a southpaw myself, why he did not make more use of his right. He did not land a single good blow on this hand.

In the other middleweight bout, Pte. Marrable gave an extremely plucky exhibition. Although cut about the nose and having a gash over the eye, he stood up to L/Cpl. Wilson with great courage. Wilson won.

Pte. Fredman, also a middleweight, beat Pte. Williams almost entirely with his left, while Pte. Baker beat Pte. Bridge in a good slugging contest.

Other welter events saw Pte. Robinson beat L/Cpl. Shaw through his constant attacking. L/Cpl. Colebeck secured the verdict over A/Bds. Nix in a tame affair and Pte. Cohen beat L/Cpl. Weaver.

Among the lightweights L/Cpl. Williams beat Pte. Whitehouse. I think that Whitehouse might have won had he got into his man instead of dancing all round the ring.

DANCING NOT BOXING!
The other bout was hard to recognise as a boxing contest; it had more of the appearance of a dancing display. Both men pranced prettily round the ring and although Grossmith beat Day, I still think he was never quite sure what was going to happen!

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. Chiu & Miss Griffiths Win Easily

In the Second Round of the Ladies' open doubles tennis championship, the favourites, Mrs. Chiu Chiu-chiu and Miss Madge Griffiths, beat Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss V. Bradbury in straight sets by 6-1, 6-1.

Two singles matches were also played: Miss J. Reeve beat Mrs. N. W. Smyth 6-4, 6-3 and Miss M. Stokes beat Mrs. ...

MANILA NOT COMING

Manila, To-day.
Owing to the school examinations and the difficulty of players obtaining the necessary leave the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation are unable to accept the Hong Kong Football Association's invitation to visit Hong Kong during the Chinese New Year for the Interport soccer game.—Our Own Correspondent.

CRICKET A LA SOFTBALL

(By "GRANDSTAND")

On Sunday instead of spending the day at King's Park and Prince Edward Road, as customary, to watch softball, I was inveigled into going to Craigengower Cricket Club to watch an all-day cricket match between the Middlesex Bn. and No. 3 (M.G.) Coy., H.K.V.D.C.

This is the first time I have really watched a cricket encounter. I did not know beans about this English game, but now I can join in a conversation and use such words as snick, mid-on, slips, glide, glance etc., thanks to M. G. instructor, Sgt. Burgess, of the Die-Hards, who gave me the low down on the game.

The boys locked horns at the appointed time with the Emma Gees batting first. Colour Sgt. E. C. Fincher and L/Cpl. D. Hung opened the session for the Defence men, entering the field looking like pen-guins with their shin guards on and the maces tucked under their arms. After five times across the turf Fincher was caught out by Jones and chucked by Pearson for the first fall which to me meant the first crasure.

Keeping it to myself I thought Fincher did very badly indeed with the willow wand and a good razzing was in order but, as this was a gentlemen's game, razzing or barracking is taboo. In fact as an ardent baseball and softball fan I was warned to this effect before the fray. I must confess that I had an awful time controlling myself when Pearson fanned Sgt. Ernie Zimmern for the second putout, the red pill splintering the tooth picks and only one meekly count tallied by Ernie! Ernie remarked when he got back into the bar, "It was not a 'duck', anyway." "What's a 'duck' Sgt. Burgess?" I asked. "Oh! I see, but that's a funny word to use in a gent's game when he meant shutout or blanked."

NOT SO GOOD

Another Sgt. who did not do so well with the hickory was George Winch. He came back to the sidelines without the two zeros after the one, looking pale under the gills after "Doughboy" Hatfield whiffed him for one.

The Lance Corps had a good day with the plank. L/Cpl. Dougie Hung topped the board with 41 and L/Cpl. Norman Mackay was good for 39. Both belted seven circuit clouts. For the bucks Pte. F. Zimmern 24 and Pte. T. Madar 22 not out were tops. Pte. "Doughboy" Hatfield and L/Cpl. "Nippy" Young chucked like a million bucks for the Regulars, fanning three apiece. Hind-snatcher "Whisky Dry" Jones was flashy behind the sticks in snatching the red pellet.

Pte. "Curly Top" Cordery took slugging honours for Middlesex with 38. Pte. Williams with 29 not out was second. These two sluggers paired very well and in between the 7th and 8th out they slashed no less than 63 clouts.

The Emma Gees' fingers did very well at the start but weakened in the later stages of the combat. I was told that poor strategy by the 3 M.G. captain prevented a victory and, in the locker room later, I heard a private remark that the Volunteer chucks should have offered the enemy more "jaccass" or did he say "donkey drops" instead of fast deliveries which the Middies lapped up just like a cat would milk. Lt. D. Anderson led the moundsmen for the Khaki boys with three falls while Sgt. Winch and Pte. F. Zimmern were very steady on the slab, but I think they were yanked too soon in favour of Way and Mackay.

"FIELD!"

I almost forgot to say that besides watching the game I got into the field after tea, when Pte. Winch had to go to keep a date. I substituted for him at mid-on (whatever that is) and I actually touched the ball once in almost two hours of fielding! I was not allowed on the field in my Sunday pants and I was offered a pair of white gabardine trousers my size, and a sports shirt which I had on inside out due perhaps to my eagerness to get into the game. And for consolation, I may have looked like a gentleman in the outfit, but I was not a gentleman!

The game was both sides was to the mark when it came to breaking time, but when it came to grass burners, from a baseball standpoint, their scooping was not so hot.

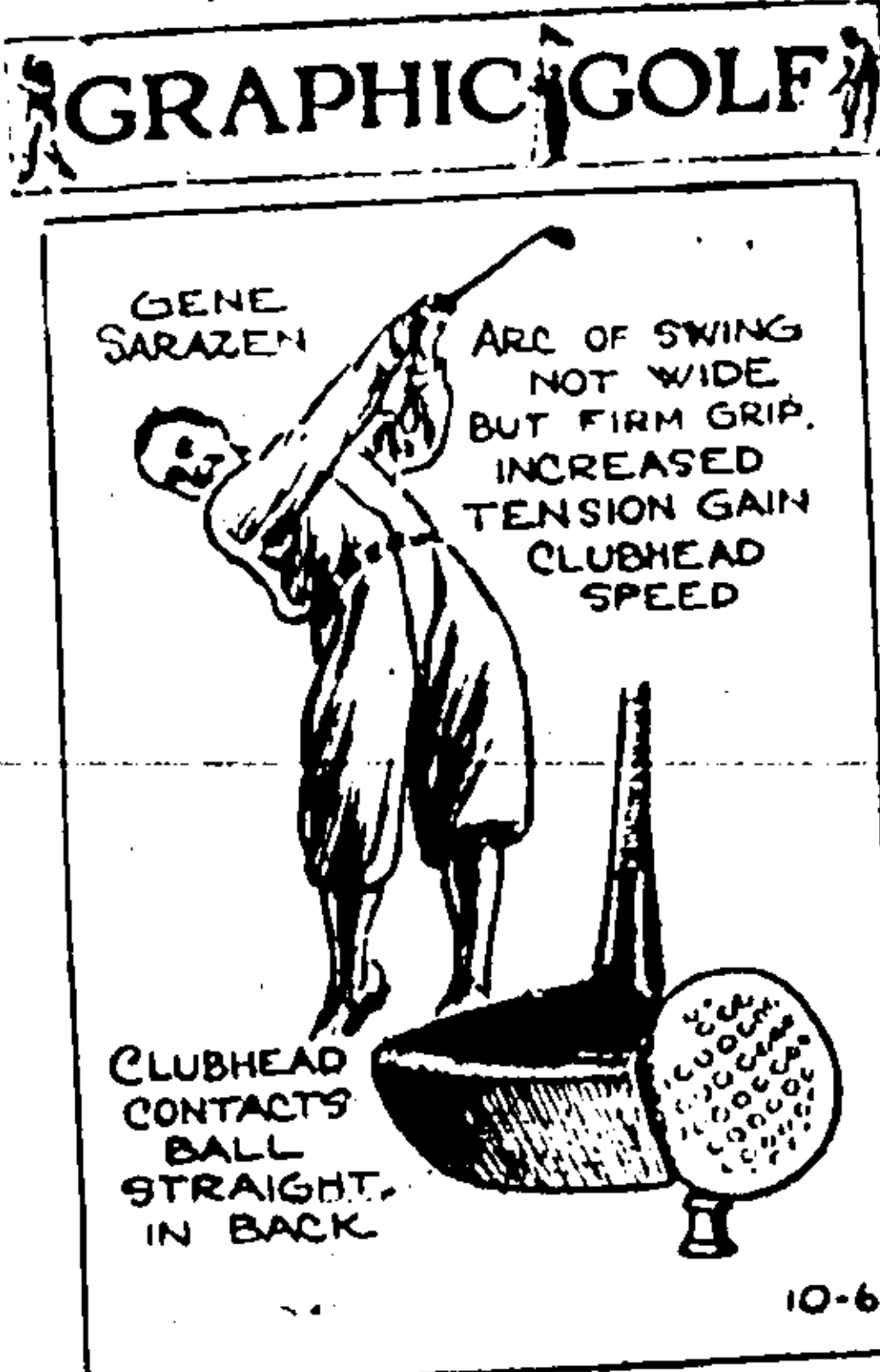
How I liked the game! Well, as one of our Colour Sergeants in the ...

SOCCER

GUNNERS BEAT SCOTS IN SHIELD REPLAY

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

ROYAL SCOTS, WHO WERE without the services of two regular players, Salter, the 'keeper, and Symons, left half, did very well to hold 8th Heavy Regiment, who were at full strength, to a single goal in the Junior Shield Replay at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon.



REDUCING THE SWINGING ARC BY BEST BALL

While Gene Sarazen does not employ as wide a swinging arc as many of his contemporaries, he can gain an appreciable distance off the tee. To understand the method by which he gains his high clubhead velocity, one must travel back to Mr. Sarazen's youth. At that time Gene possessed and employed a rather wide arc but the width was predicated on the technique of allowing his right hand to relax its grip at the top of the swing and letting the shaft fall into the slot between his right thumb and forefinger.

Realizing the danger in such a method, Sarazen gripped the club more firmly. This cut down the swinging arc but the tension created by this firm grip gave greater punch and increased the clubhead speed. Furthermore the results were more accurate with the shorter stroke. With the longer swing there is more chance of error creeping in. Sarazen has since been quite right hand conscious and has often stated that the right hand plays the big part in a golf stroke. Golfers, who have a tendency to hold the club too loosely, or follow the pattern of Sarazen's early golf swing, might give his latter method a try.

It will be recalled that they drew with the winners previously, sharing eight goals at Sookunpoo, in the first game.

Douglas, who took over Salter's berth, had a busy time throughout and performed very steadily, while Fowler, right back, was quite as impressive in defence as his more experienced partner, Parnaby cleared strongly on numerous occasions.

Fraser, in the pivotal position, was the outstanding player in the intermediate line for the losers, and kept a close check on the winners' forwards. Symons' position was taken over by Wiseman, who was erratic. Scots' forward line was a little unbalanced but if they had possessed a better left wing combination a different story might have been told. The other three forwards played splendidly.

PURDUE'S DISPLAY

The winners' were best served by Purdue, between the sticks, and Doyle, at right back, who, with his Chinese partner, Wong Kit-hing, kept the opposing forwards out of shooting range.

The forwards, well supported by their wing halves, combined excellently, their short-passing enabling them to break through the losers' defence on several occasions.

No score was registered until five minutes before the interval, although both sides were trying their utmost. Owens, on the right wing for Gunners, then centred for Cross, inside-left to score.

Mid-field play featured the second half, when there was no further scoring.

8th Heavy Regiment:—Purdue; Wong Kit-hing and Doyle; Woolbridge, Barnsley and Marsten; Owens, Dunne, Burgess, Cross and Woehard.

Royal Scots:—Douglas; Fowler and Parnaby; Gibb, Fraser, and Wiseman; McNab, Allan, McKay, Williamson and Giblin.

(Continued from Next Col.)

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CLUB 'A' DO WELL BUT LOSE

(By "SCRUM-HALF")
A strong Navy "A" team beat Club "A" by a goal and two tries (11 points) to three tries (9 points) in their Rugby match yesterday on the Club ground.

Club "A", playing for the first time this season without the services of at least one first fifteen player — the senior team were engaged in practice for Saturday's deciding Triangular Tournament game—were led 5-3 at the interval, but at one stage led 6-3. Taken all in all, and considering they played 14 men throughout the second half, they put up a very good performance.

Grattan, a newcomer to the game, is coming along rapidly, tackling well.

He has yet to learn to kick with accuracy when under pressure, while his handling can also be improved. Carruthers was the best back on view, running hard and straight, tackling with deadly precision and showing a perfect pair of hands. Nelson also made headway and tackled well. Wilson had one good run, but his tackling was indecisive. Of the forwards Roscoe and Kennedy were most prominent.

Richardson played wing threequarter in the first half and then changed with Benn in the pack.

Navy were best served by Teare, Clark, O'Riordan, Ferris and King, their main faults being feet-up in the

scrum and closely bunched threequarter movements which were not aided by Kennedy's kicking to touch instead of passing to his wing threequarter and going on his outside to take the return pass.

THE SCORING

Navy opened the scoring when O'Riordan picked up in the loose after Kennedy, who had made a cut through, had sent out a wild pass. O'Riordan took the ball at his feet until he secured a favourable bounce. King converted. Roscoe then went over for Club, but Stout failed to convert from an easy position. Roscoe was injured soon after and had to leave the field. He was suffering from a twist-

ed foot and did not return. Club finishing with 14 men. In the second half Nelson gave Club the lead when he hurled himself over after a good cut through by Carruthers. Richardson failed to convert from an easy angle. O'Riordan then broke through but was brought down by Grattan, and Kennedy picked up in the loose to send Wilson over. King failed to add the points, as he did soon after when Barlow scored after an opening by O'Riordan.

Club's last score was the result of a wild pass which Carruthers took in brilliant style to touch down. Richardson again failed to kick a goal.

Navy—Snell; Wilson, Kennedy, Teare and Jeffries; O'Riordan and Clark; Brown, Barlow, Inglis, Longmuir, Spirit, Ferris, Charles and King.

Club "A"—Grattan; Richardson, Nelson, Wilson and Lavalle; Carruthers and Rutherford; Wanklyn, Dunnett, Stout, King, Roscoe, Benn, Stoker and Kennedy.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Friday, 1st December, 1939, to Friday, 22nd December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th. Nov., 1939.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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1	Garden Lot No. 109.	Mount Cameron Road, Adjoining Rural Building Lot No. 419.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 18,300	\$42	\$915
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JAPAN AND WANG NOT IN ACCORD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.
"The time for Sino-Japanese peace is not yet ripe," says the "Central China Daily News," mouthpiece of Wang Ching-wei in an editorial.

The Journal explains the delay is caused by the fact that Japan has not complied with the requisites on which the success of Wang's peace movement depends.

The success of the movement inside the country, rather than mere diplomatic negotiations between Wang and the Japanese, would determine whether peace is possible, the editorial adds.
—Havas.

JAPAN TO REDEEM TOKYO BONDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
REPAYMENT OF THE CITY OF TOKYO 5 PER CENT. 1912 BONDS WAS DEFINITELY SETTLED YESTERDAY BY M. ROBERT PILA, FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO, AND MR. KUMAO

TROOPSHIP ESCAPES DISASTER

London, To-day.

The recent escape of a British troopship from a disastrous collision by a few feet was disclosed last night.

The second ship, the Cunard-White Star liner Samaria, which was outward-bound, has returned to a British port for repair.

The incident happened in dense fog.

The two ships passed so close to each other that lifeboats swung out on the davits of the smaller vessel were stove in and some actually carried away.

The troopship arrived with slight damage to her superstructure.

Because of the denseness of the fog the smaller ship had her lifeboats swung out in readiness.

The fog immediately swallowed up both ships, and it was only when the outward-bound vessel returned to port that its identity was established.
—Reuter.

MIYAZAKI, COUNCILLOR OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, WHEN AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED.

M. Pila told the press: "The agreement brings to a satisfactory end a long misunderstanding, and will co-operate in the development of Franco-Japanese relations."

The dispute, which bore upon repayment "in gold," became one of the most famous questions in international law, and was settled by The Hague Court.—Havas.

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Stockholm, To-day.

A bill giving the Swedish Government wide powers in times of war or threat of war has been introduced in the Riksdag by the Minister of Justice.

The measure aims at offences liable to endanger the defence of the kingdom, national supply and friendly relations with foreign states.

One of its main objects is to prevent the passing of secret information to unauthorised persons.—Reuter.

Four men armed with daggers who attempted to raid the first floor of No. 402, Portland Street, Mongkok, at 2.20 p.m. to-day, were frustrated by neighbours.

The men gained entrance by pretending to be workmen.

Berlin, To-day.

The official German news agency says that German airmen dropped an umbrella behind the British lines during Mr. Neville Chamberlain's visit with a message to the Premier about the bad weather.—Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

Finnish troops are reported to have wiped out practically two Red Army divisions at Suomusalmi.

Nearly 20,000 Russians are said to have been killed.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

According to the "China Press," what amounted to general rejection of his proposals regarding the future policing of the western areas in the International Settlement was handed to Mayor Fu Siao-en personally on Tuesday evening by the Chairman of the S.M.C., Mr. Cornell Franklin.

It is believed, says the newspaper, that the Mayor had suggested that the outside roads be jointly patrolled by the puppet police forces, as is done illegally at present, and the Shanghai municipal police.

The S.M.C. in the answer denied the right of the puppet authorities to levy taxes in the outside road areas, which have been improved at the expense of the Council, says the "China Press."
—Reuter.

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